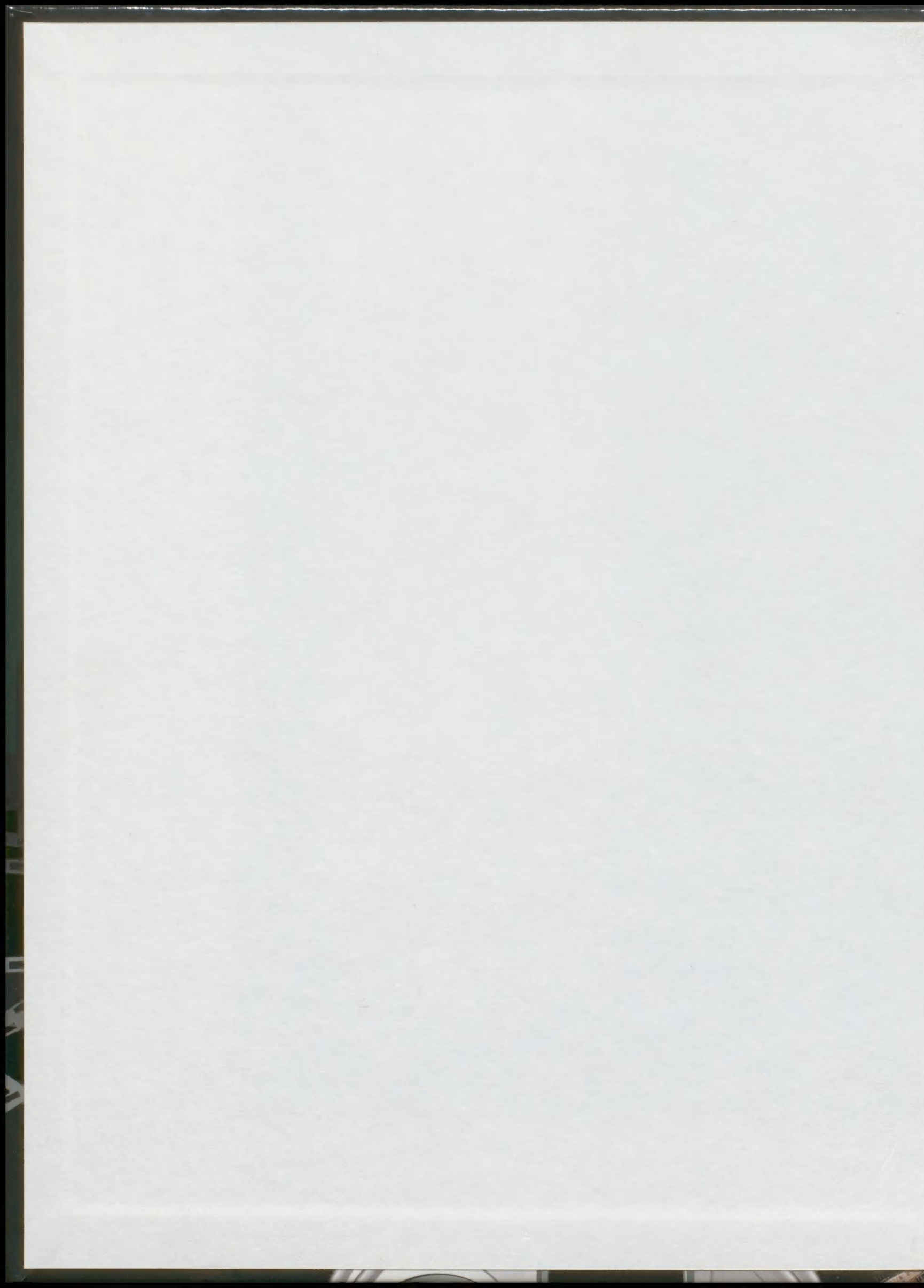




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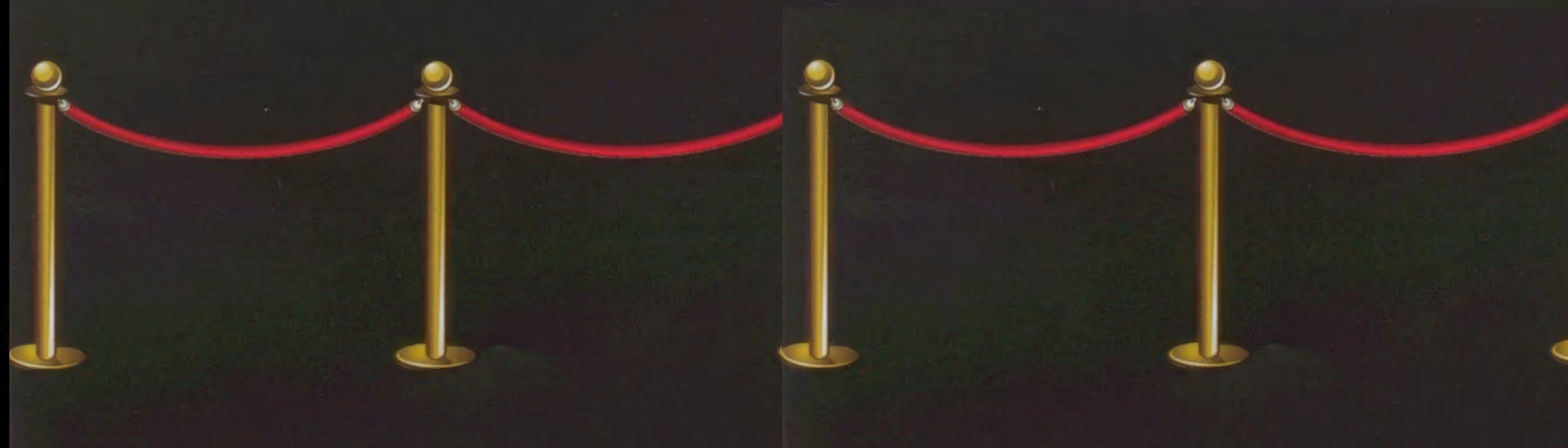


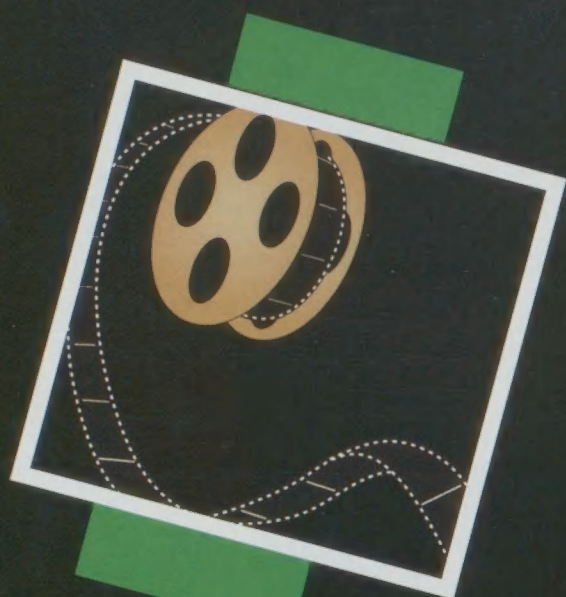




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With a cast of thousands, students, faculty, and staff created memorable moments for *The Viking Reel* which captured the glitz, drama, and vitality of the 2013-2014 school year.

Everyone had their own story to tell about the location known as VHS and the school was rich with character types such as athletes, academic kings and queens, class clowns, club members, as well as musicians and vocalists who made for interesting stars of the feature film known as *The Viking Reel*.

1. During halftime at a basketball game, **Victor the Viking** entertains the Valparaiso crowd.

2. In the VHS drama production of *Grease*, cast members gather around senior **Jessica Rodriguez**.

3. A group of LEAD mentors pose together for a picture while at the middle school.

4. Senior **Andrew Fletcher** prepares to pass the soccer ball down the field to another Viking teammate.





1. The Varsity girl's soccer team huddles before the game.
2. A group of seniors take pictures before their final Homecoming dance.
3. Sophomore Dakota Overland runs with the football.
4. The Viking Nation student section cheers during a game.
5. At the Natural Helpers retreat, juniors Shannon Tucker, Julia Manion, and Kayla Gates take a picture together.
6. Mrs. Corneil teaches Pre Cal.

Lights, Camera, Action!



1.

1. VHS drama club students perform on stage during the show Mocha Madness.

2. Juniors **Ireland McLinn** and **Bree Simpson** pose with their group before the Homecoming dance.

3. During the jazz band concert at Aberdeen, sophomore **Luke Brown** plays the xylophone.

4. At the fall pep rally, senior football players participate in an activity.

5. Band students entertain the customers in the student run coffee shop.

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1. Cello players from the Chamber Orchestra perform during *This is Our Story*.

2. Senior **Joshua Abatie** speaks at the annual winter event *This Is Our Story*.

3. Students walk across the bridge to enter the King of Heart's dance.

4. During the Homecoming pep rally, the Vikettes show their school spirit.

5. Senior **Sam Baker** and friends enjoy the festivities at the annual Popcorn Festival held in downtown Valparaiso.

6. On the Natural Helpers retreat, students take a break during the nature walk.



popcorn

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food
booths
vendors
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venue
parade
floats
downtown
community



1. Large bags of popcorn are sold at the fest for people to enjoy.
2. Senior Sam Baker poses for a picture with a fairy downtown after the parade.

In its 35th year, Valparaiso's Popcorn Festival was one of the biggest events the city hosted annually, and its popularity among the community continued to grow.

On September 7, the festival included a five mile run and a 5K walk, live entertainment, over 200 food and craft vendors, and the nation's first ever popcorn parade.

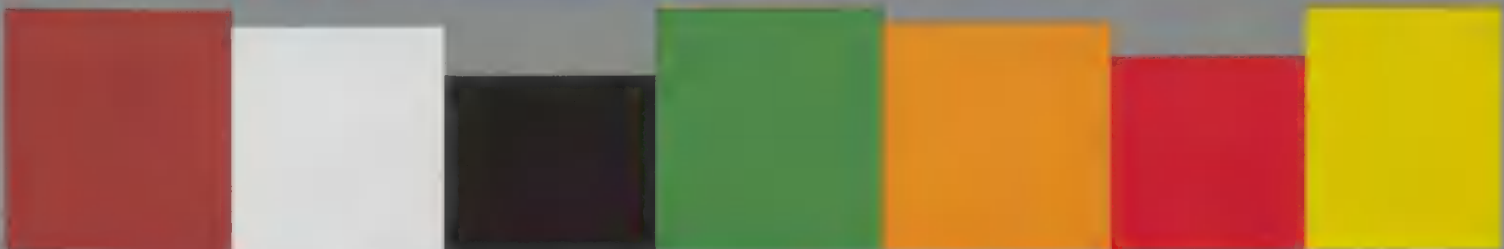
Valparaiso High School students and faculty were a key component in the festival activities.

"The (Popcorn) festival was a really positive thing for this community. It was cool to see everyone in town come together to celebrate one of Valparaiso's most exciting traditions," said junior Mary Cobble.





1. Street performers entertain crowds along Indiana Avenue.
2. To beat the heat, festival attendees wait to buy lemonade.
3. Key Club members sport their Popcorn Panic shirts.
4. Junior Dylan Workman sells kettle corn to hungry customers.
5. English Teacher Gordana Sormaz poses for a picture with her visiting nieces from Chicago.
6. VHS students paint faces to raise money for the Art Club.
7. Kaitlyn Pentecost and Annie Keimig paint faces.
8. Crowds enjoy the day at the Popcorn Festival.



homecoming

spirit rally crown week
game court cheer

green
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1. A group of freshmen girls show their spirit on green and white day.

2. Seniors **Mattison Chayhitz**, **Maddie Douglas**, and **Kelli Keough** begin the week sporting their college spiritwear.

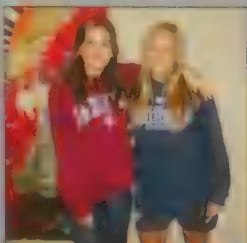


Students of Valparaiso High School began Homecoming spirit week in their favorite college apparel. The week continued with class color day, western day, patriotic day, and ended with a green out. Students displayed their school spirit all week.

"I was new this year and it was really cool to see how much spirit everyone had here," said junior **Carter White**.

Also, during the week, students voted for their Homecoming queen. Nominees included **Greer Brown**, **Angela Darrol**, **Kelli Keough**, **Kathy Minko**, **Lexi Shideler**, and **Maria Yallourakis**. **Darrol** captured the crown Friday night and **Shideler** took the title of princess.

"It was a really big honor to be nominated for court this year. It was a great experience," said **Keough**.





1. Queen **Angela Darrol** waves to crowd after the crowning.
2. The football team makes an entrance via firetruck.
3. The court nominees stand with their escorts.
4. Junior **Nathan Courtney** gets a pie in the face at halftime.
5. **Mr. Joe Otis** and **Ms. Carolyn Kamber** won the faculty homecoming king and queen nominations.
6. **Coach Dave Coyle** gives a pep talk to rally the crowd.
7. Vikettes perform at the pep rally.
8. Varsity football captains **David Hittinger**, **Angelo Madrigal**, and **Blake Biesen** speak to the crowd.



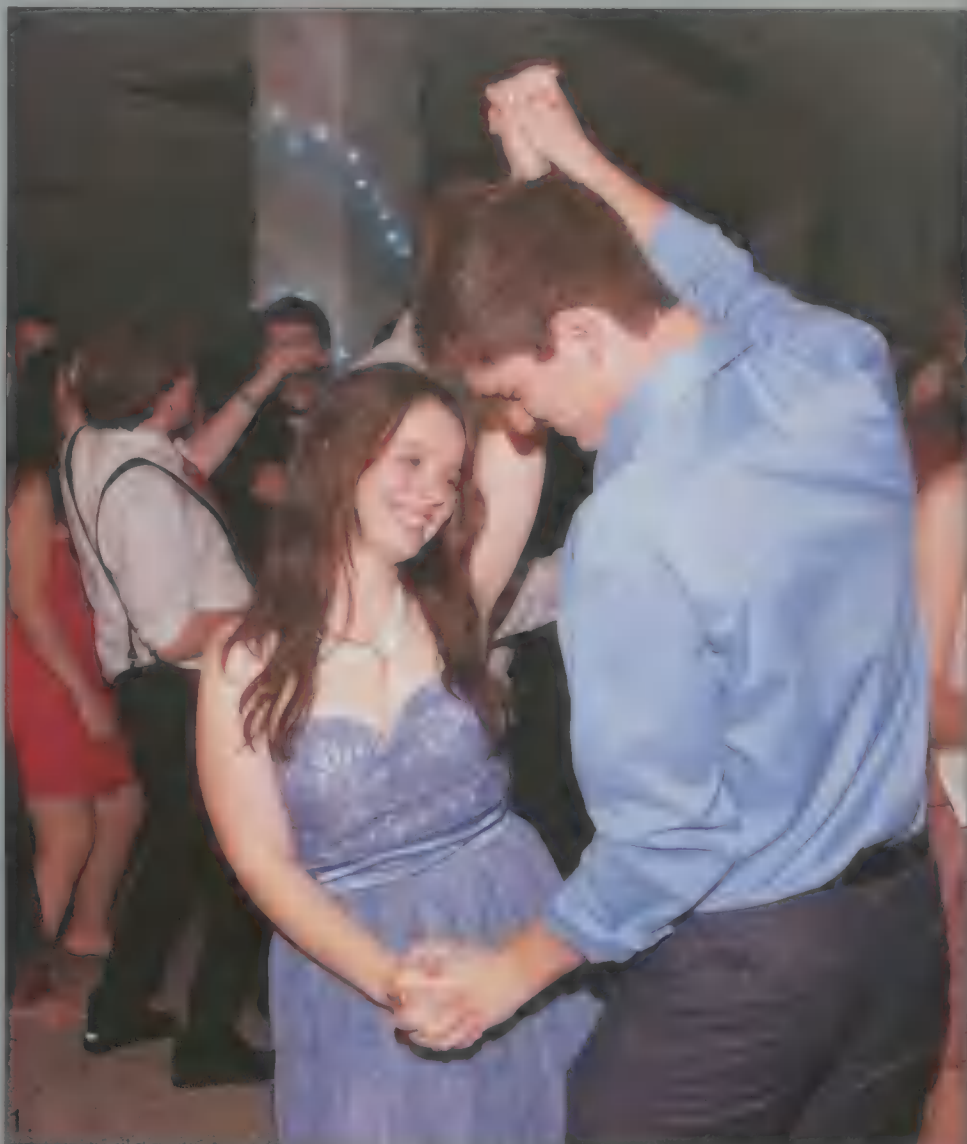
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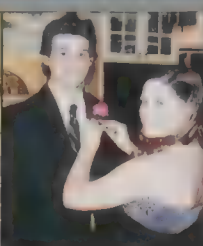
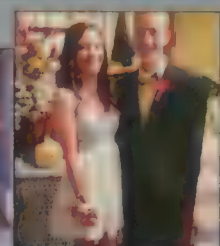
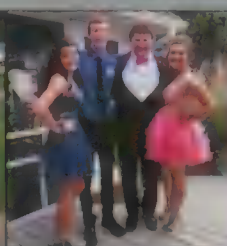
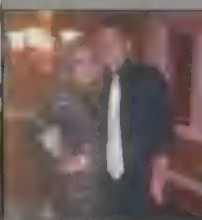
1. Seniors **Makenna Fetch** and **Wesley Umbower** enjoy the music.
2. Senior girls take a group picture before leaving for the Homecoming Dance.



With over a 1,000 tickets sold, VHS students anticipated a night to remember and the cheerleaders responsible for hosting the dance did not disappoint. *Fairytale* was the theme for the event which was held Saturday, October 6.

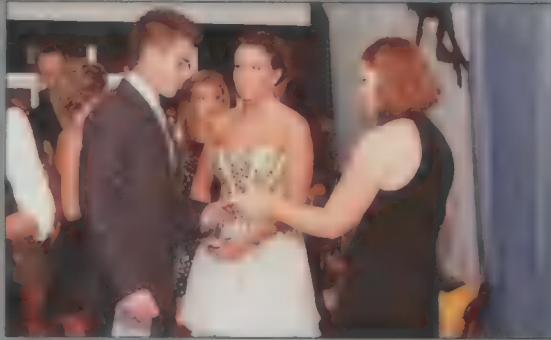
"The theme for the dance was very different than what we normally do and the decorations were more three-dimensional. It was a lot of work and it would not have been possible without the help of all of the cheer families," said sponsor Kara Wissing. "They worked on the decorations last summer and it was definitely one of the most successful dances we have ever had."

As one of the members on the Homecoming Court, senior **Kathy Minko** assured that being on court was the best part of the entire Homecoming experience for her. "I loved being in a group with girls who all got along extremely well. We were very supportive of one another, which made being part of the court a huge honor," said **Minko**.





1. The Conga line moves down the dance floor.
2. Senior **Andrew Fletcher** and junior **Ireland McInn** give the chaperone their tickets.
3. A group of students start a Conga line.
4. During a slow song, juniors **Bobby Gallowitch** and **Marissa Toren** dance together.
5. Juniors **Evann Grabow** and **Matt Leetz**
6. VHS students show off their dance moves.
7. Sophomores **Jacob Devine** and **Brittany Brice**
8. The Homecoming Court poses with their dates.



Grease

musical
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lines
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1. **Jessica Rodriguez** and **Daniel Barajas** share a moment on stage as Danny Zuko and Sandy Dumbrowski.
2. Junior **Maddie Blaney** plays Frenchy during the production.



Cast members from the Valparaiso High School Drama Club transported their audiences to the 1950's with the production of "Grease" on November 22, 23 and 24. Memorable characters from Rydell High School's Class of 1959 brought the stage version to life.

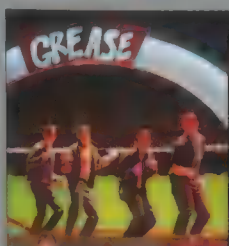
Senior **Jessica Rodriguez** starred as Sandy Dumbrowski during the production. She had been acting since sixth grade and loved nothing more. "You got so close with other cast members during the show. We became like a big, happy family," said **Rodriguez**.

"I loved having the opportunity to step into another personality and to lose myself for a couple of hours," said **Daniel Barajas** who played Danny Zuko.





1. Daniel Barajas (Danny) watches Patrick Azar (Kenickie) show off his car.
2. Katie Ploetz (Marty) performs her solo on stage.
3. At a sleepover, Rachel Keller (Jan), Jessica Rodriguez, and Maddie Blaney enjoy girl-talk.
4. Nathan Bongard performs "Rock N Roll Party Queen."
5. Carli Meihofer plays the part of Betty Rizzo.
6. Television personality Vince Fontaine (Gareth Kaye) entertains the audience at Rydell High School.
7. Patrick Azar dances to "Greased Lightnin'."
8. Female cast members flock around Nathan Bongard.



King of Hearts

dancing
K.O.H.
dates
dinner
lights
magic
bowtie

Willy Wonka

oompa loompa
golden ticket
chocolate

1. While at the dance, senior **Gareth Kaye** enjoys the music.
2. Junior **Jacob Mills** shows off his moves on the dance floor.



For those in search of the *Golden Ticket*, students could find it on Saturday, February 22nd thanks to the members of the VHS Key Club who transformed the cafe into Willy Wonka's chocolate factory.

In addition to the dancing, the King and Prince of Hearts were crowned at the dance after attendees cast their ballots.

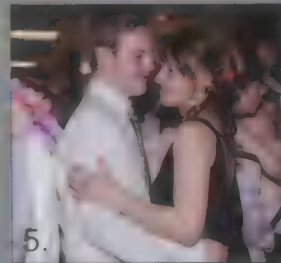
Senior **Josh Turner** was named King and senior **Blake Biesen** was crowned Prince. Additional members of the court included: **Taylor Bezotte**, **Thomas Walsh**, **Tim Blue**, and **Mitchell Breakey**.

Turner was appreciative of the honor. "I was so thankful for all my friends and peers voting for me. I swear I almost shed a tear...or ten," said **Turner**.





1. Senior **Josh Turner** smiles after being crowned.
2. Before the dance, junior **Dan Blessing** votes.
3. Seniors **Jessica Rodriguez** and **Keil Vittetoe** have fun on the dance floor.
4. Students dance along to the YMCA song.
5. Seniors **Gavin White** and **Nicole Pniak** dance.
6. A group of friends have a good time at KOH.
7. Displaying his excitement, senior **Blake Biesen** reacts happily to being named Prince of Hearts.
8. The KOH court poses with their dates.



mocha madness

improv friends random acting music
comedy stage memories
humor
on the spot
Catching Fire
energy

1. Senior **Zach Smith** and sophomore **Laura Riggle** shoot imaginary arrows into the crowd.

2. Junior **Emily Singer** pretends to be the pet whale of junior **Madison Walters**.

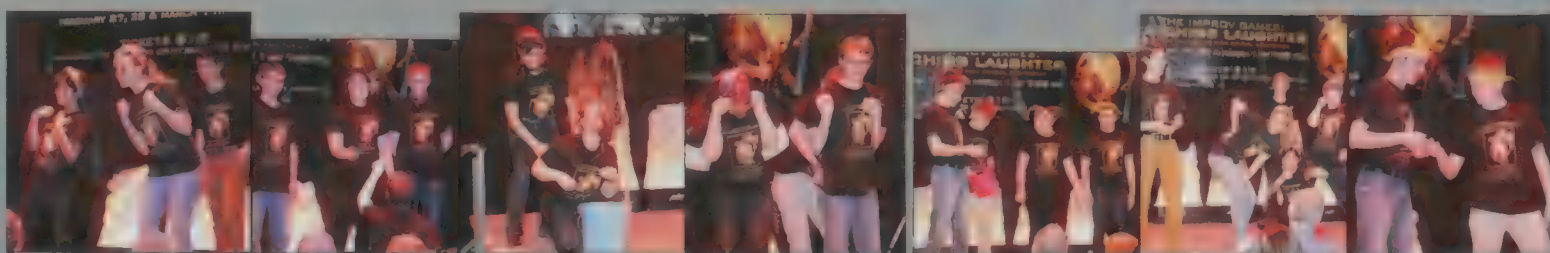


"The Improv Games: Catching Laughter" was the theme of the Valparaiso High School Drama Club's annual show known as Mocha Madness which ran from Thursday, February 27 to Saturday, March 1 in the auditorium.

Senior **Mitch Paxton** liked the flexibility that improvisational theatre provided. "You got to create your own character and the options were limitless," Paxton said.

Junior **Daniel Barajas** enjoyed the diversity of improv as well. "I had to say I enjoyed it because it was not scripted. It was a really cool facet of theatre," said Barajas.

The event ran three nights and had three teams competing. The victor for all three nights was District 867-5309.

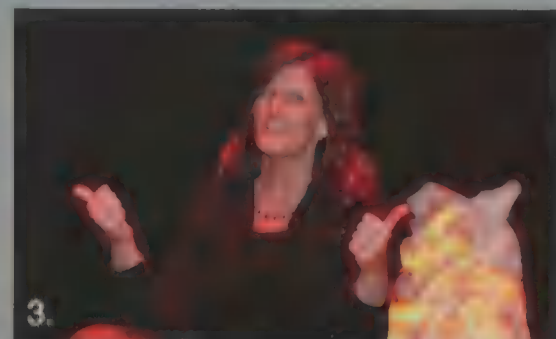




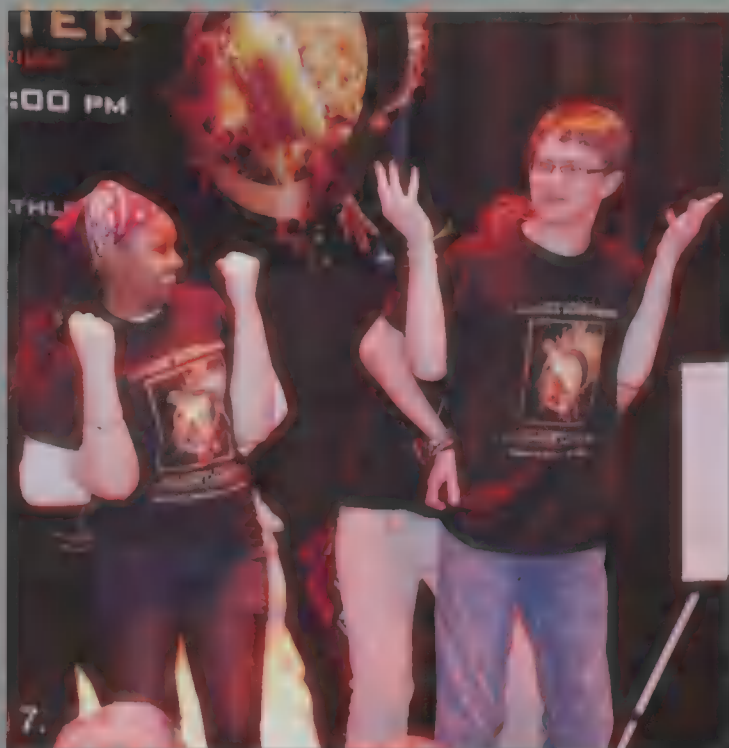
1. Junior **Katie Ploetz** avoids the splash as senior **Kevin Tognetti** pulls his head out of the water.
2. Juniors **Abie Mwaura**, **Nathan Bongard**, and senior **Mitch Paxton** dine on their imaginary tacos.
3. **Michele Craig** welcomes the audience to the show.
4. **Olivia Chappell** comforts junior **Lindsey Deboer**.
5. Freshman **Olivia Krygowski** recites a comedic poem.
6. Senior **Jon Krus** pretends to be a doctor.
7. **Abie Mwaura** and **Michael Kelley** improvise a scene.
8. The winning team cheers after they achieve victory.



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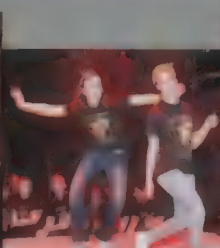
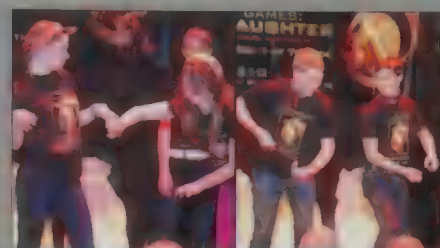
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April Antics

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1. Senior **Alyssa Despoy**, junior **Lindsey DeBoer**, and sophomore **Olivia Chappell**, pose for a selfie during their skit.
2. Posing as "Dr. Amoneys," junior **Daniel Barajas** reads the morning announcements to the crowd.



1.

"Viking Night Live" was the theme for the 2014 April Antics show sponsored by the VHS Drama Club. The annual spring event gave Valparaiso High School students the chance to show off their singing, acting, and writing talents. Many of the comical skits featured in the show were written by students and included topics such as "social media rehab," "interview," and "couple in detention."

"I came away feeling so proud because I had written all of my own jokes and they made people laugh. I felt so accomplished," said the star of the "The Weekend Update," senior **Kevin Tognetti**.

Making people laugh was the goal of many of the writers and actors in the show.

"Seeing people perform who normally would not was really cool. We performed for well over a thousand people this year," said junior **Katie Ploetz** who was the president of Drama Club for the 2013-2014 school year.

The show was held in the Valparaiso High School auditorium from 7-10 pm on April 25 and April 26, 2014.



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1. Brown Bag Rag Band performs during the show.
2. Members of Coolwood Junior High sing "Bound 2014."
3. A performance of "Radioactive" is sung by seniors **Marilee Tullis** and **Blake Biesen**.
4. **Francie Fink** and **Alexa Kudrak** clog dance.
5. Senior **Kevin Mangel** plays on buckets.
6. **Maria Yallourakis** dances to "Heartburn"
7. **Kevin Tognetti** stars in "The Weekend Update."
8. **Marissa Toren** and **Stephanie Bohn** rap battle.



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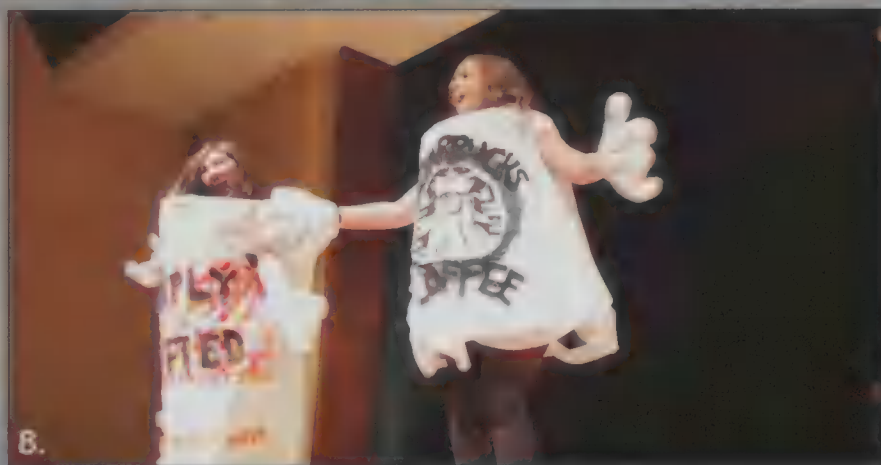
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Artists

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1. Junior **Rachel Hollandsworth** gazes thoughtfully at senior **Gigi Esparza's** artwork.
2. **Chris Hartz's** work is on display in his booth at the 2014 art show.



1.

"Art to me was about expressing your view on things, like life or everyday situations. It was a way for people to express who they were and I found that very interesting," said senior **Heather Novak**.

The Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Art Show was a very popular annual event. Over sixty student artists had their own booths where they displayed a variety of their own artwork throughout Valparaiso High School's upper gymnasium.

"I loved the look on the faces of the student-artists when the viewers communicated their admiration and affirmations concerning their art. Both the students and their families were very appreciative of the efforts and opportunity that most students in our state did not experience," said AP/IB art teacher **Mrs. Marilyn Hanson**.

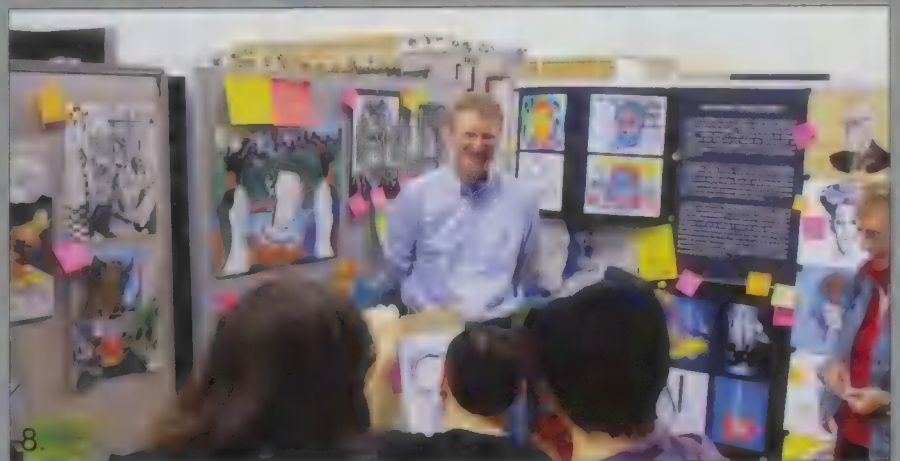
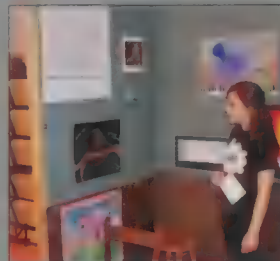
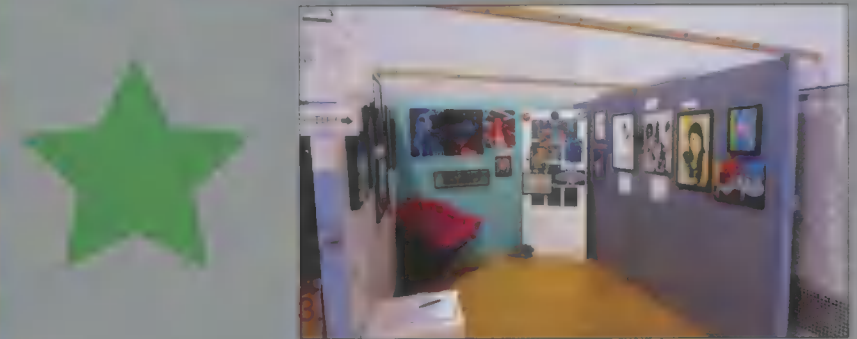
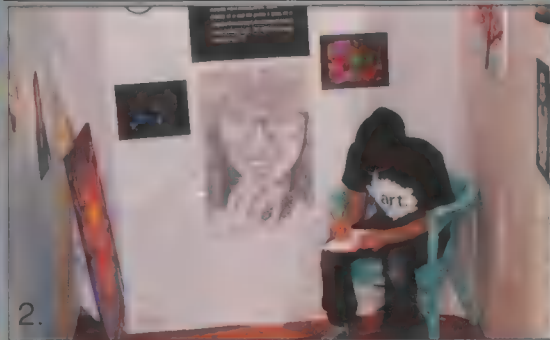


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1. One of senior **Nate Schwartz's** pieces was featured in the AP/IB art show.
2. Junior **Tony Hurr** sits in a booth during setup and draws in his sketchbook.
3. AP/IB students set up their booths to feature their art.
4. Senior **Caroline Koenig** prepares her booth for the art show.
5. Portraits are displayed in the VHS hallway.
6. A piece hangs in **Mrs. Hanson's** artroom.
7. **Mrs. Hanson's** newest project sits on her desk.
8. **Mr. Karl Keller** has his portrait drawn by **Nathan Biancardi**.



prom

grand march
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pose
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high heels
garter
bowtie
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flowers
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1. VHS students enjoy the evening on the dance floor.

2. (left to right) **Courtney Smith, Erica Ellis, Alejandra Guzman, Brooke Sever, Alexia Perez, Cassie Klavas**

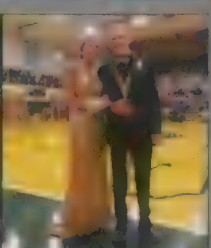
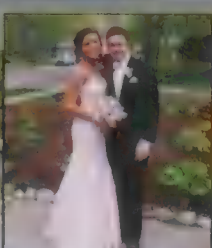
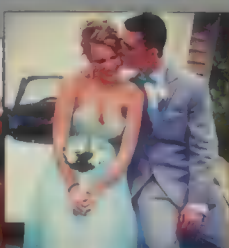


After dinner and taking pictures, Valparaiso High School students attended the Grand March which was held in the gymnasium on Friday, May 16.

Students had their names announced and received an opportunity to show off their formal wear and flowers in front of the many spectators that were gathered.

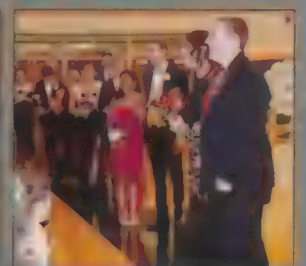
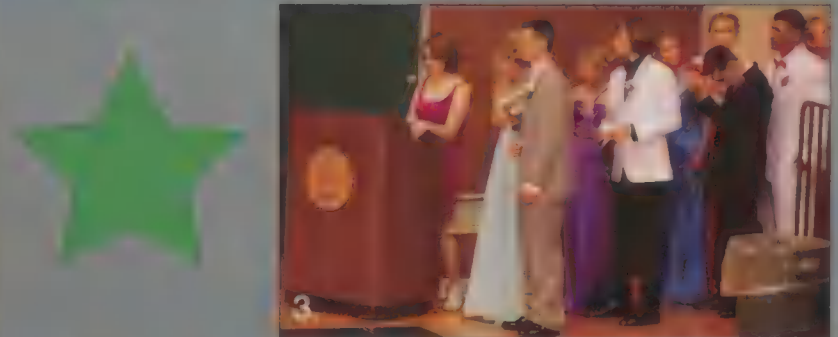
"I will remember the laughs I had with my boyfriend and best friends the most. The whole night will be remembered for sure," said senior **Chloe Williams**.

After the Grand March, students made their way over to the Porter County Expo Center where the dance was held.





1. Prom couples enter the Grand March.
2. Senior **Grace Tulloch** is escorted by **Caleb Dawson**.
3. Students wait in line to walk through the gymnasium.
4. **Annah Mayberry** and **Abby Ramirez** smile happily.
5. Seniors **Sophia Roberts** and **Kyle Miller** write their names down before the Grand March.
6. Students pose as family members take pictures.
7. Seniors **Hannah Scheibel** and **Matt Hoyert** give **Mrs. Stacey Pagel** their name cards.
8. **Caroline Miller, Kevin Scannell, Andy Kay, Emily Lynch, Michael Bezotte** and **Julia Manion**



prom

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bouquets

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dinner
couples

1. Seniors **Rachel Keller**, **Marilee Tullis**, **Emilee Wilson**, **Jaeson Chang**, and junior **Camden Davison** enjoy an evening of dancing.

2. Junior **Dustin Geise** and **Katie Smith**



After a trying winter, everyone was ready for spring and the 2014 prom was an event that students looked forward to during the school year.

Black Tie Affair was the theme of the evening and it transported students to the time of the Roaring 20's and Gatsby.

According to prom sponsor **Mrs. Rhonda Yelton**, 730 tickets were sold for the annual event. Planning and decorating for the dance took roughly 40 to 50 hours but Yelton said that she enjoyed working with the students.

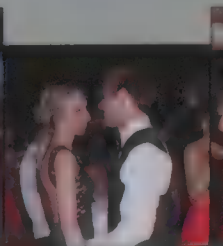
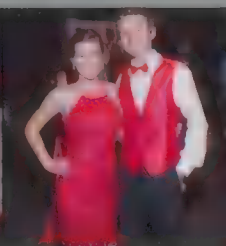
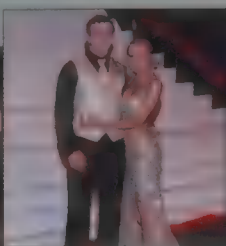
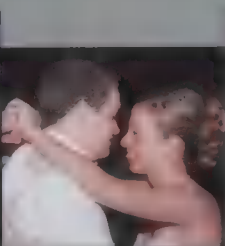
The prom was held at the Porter Country Expo Center on Friday, May 16. Students danced all night to their favorite hits by **DJ Adam "Boomer" Nellessen**.

"Prom was always a good time but senior prom felt like the best. I made good memories with my friends and I felt like it was a good way to end my senior year," said senior **Blake Biesen**.





1. **Ian Norris** smiles at his date sophomore **Nicole Huth**.
2. Sophomore **Gill Johnson** dances with junior **Will Weathersby**.
3. Senior couple **Aidan Kaiser** and **Jessica Parton** enjoy the night.
4. **Keil Vittetoe** shares a slow dance with his girlfriend **Jessica Rodriguez**.
5. **Kai Piazza** dances with date **Rachel Hollandsworth**.
6. **Dr. Reid Amones** greets students at the Expo Center.
7. Seniors **Ali Meyer** and **Andrew Jankowski** slow dance together at prom.
8. Valpo students enjoy the evening at the Expo Center .



graduation

seniors
caps
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friends

class of 2014

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students

1. VHS seniors get ready to take their seats before the commencement begins.
2. **Patrick Gallagher** helps classmate **Jared Folke** fix his tie before the graduation ceremony.



On Friday, June 6, the 140th commencement ceremony for the Valparaíso High School Class of 2014 took place.

Students gathered on the VHS football field one last time to say good bye to their high school years. During the ceremony, student speakers **Samantha Yaros** and **Josh Turner**, as well as faculty speaker **Mr. Dave Coyle**, spoke to the graduates and their families.

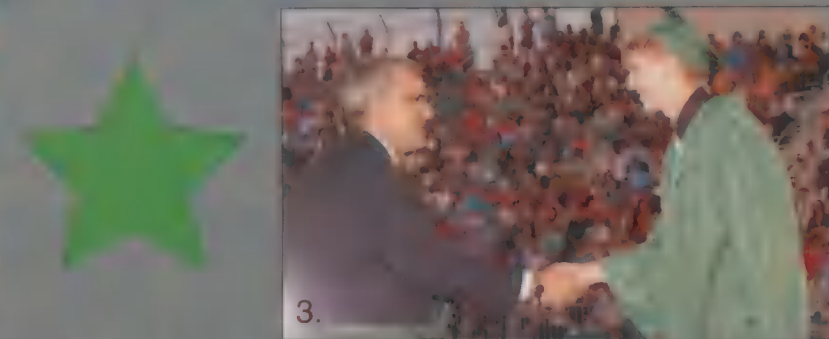
"It was such an exciting and scary transition. I was sad to go but I could not wait for what was next!" said graduating senior **Anna Bloom**.

Student performers for the event included **Blake Biesen**, **Greer Brown**, **Sam Baker**, **Jessica Rodriguez**, **Marilee Tullis**, and **Keil Vittetoe**.





1. **Mrs. Marilyn Hanson** poses with homeroom students.
2. Senior Class President **Lena Barajas** addresses the audience.
3. School board member **Jim Sarkisian** shakes the hand of senior **Kenton Grizzard**.
4. Senior **Samantha Yaros** speaks to fellow students and families.
5. **Mr. Dave Coyle** addresses the graduating class of 2014.
6. Speaker **Josh Turner** entertains the audience.
7. Students get ready to line up in the field house.
8. **Blake Biesen** performs during the ceremony.



Seniors

Senior Officers

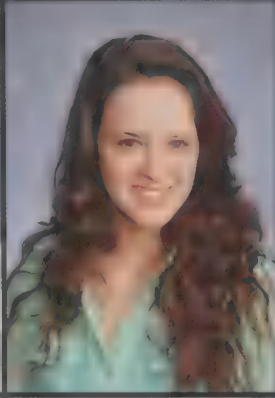


(L to R): Lena Barajas, Rachel Willing, Caitlin Kennedy, Samantha Yaros

The senior class officers in the Student Council wanted to make their last year one to remember. The officers included president **Lena Barajas**, vice president **Caitlin Kennedy**, secretary **Rachel Willing**, and treasurer **Samantha Yaros**. All the girls put a great deal of time and effort in representing their senior class and leading various activities throughout the year. "Some of the best activities student council got to be a part of were Homecoming, Mr. VHS, candy cane sales, and doughnut sales," said treasurer **Yaros**.

Being the president of the senior class, Lena Barajas had been involved in every aspect of the student council during her time as a member. "I have been part of Student Council the last 3 years and I loved it. I wanted to run for an office position because then I could help be a part of what student council is all about; making new friends and having a great time," stated **Barajas**.

No matter what activity or challenge the officers faced, there was never a doubt that they were going to try to the best of their ability to make it the best possible experience. All the hard work the officers put in during the year paid off in the end as they made the senior class have a great and memorable last year at Valparaiso High School.



Joshua Abatte
Thomas Adams
Claudia Airey
Corey Alfredson
Leena Aljohh



Joseph Andersen
Jack Andrie
Andrew Antoneth
Madeline Arnold
Jewan Attallah



Mariena Austin
Daniel Azar
Pall Baggett
Aubrey Baker
Samuel Baker



Anand Balar
Brandon Balingit
Samantha Banks
Magdalena Barajas
Caroline Barounes



Arielle Barros
Kaitlin Barton
Matthew Battista
Madison Beckman
Anna Belscher

Trip of a Lifetime

Senior **Amy Martin** spent her summer a little differently than most high school students. Instead of going to the beach or hanging out with friends, Martin made the journey to Lykerhausen, Germany and experienced the best month of her life.

From historical sites to cultural festivities, Martin saw it all. She stayed with a native German girl around the same age so she was fortunate enough to see a lot of new things and even participated in things that most tourists don't get the chance to do. Martin visited a German high school and sat in during a variety of classes. She was invited to special German parties and saw many famous war sites in Germany. One of the many interesting and exciting things she did included a sampling of German foods. She loved everything she tried and claimed that it was the best food in the entire world.

During her stay, Martin was intrigued by how different some things were from home. "Everything was so different there and it was really interesting to just get to live the life of a German and embrace those differences," said Martin. She was very interested in how the German school system worked and how after high school, German students returned to a job they had spent time training for instead of going off to college.

Martin planned to go back someday in the future to reconnect with all of the friends she made and revisit all of the wonderful places she had seen. She experienced such a memorable time and encouraged everyone to travel abroad to create their own memories. "Be adventurous because life is too short not to be," she said.

Audrey Belancin
Jordan Berdovick
Isaac Beschinski
Nathan Biancardi
Blake Biseri



Ethan Biggs
Kyle Bishop
Isabella Bisone
Kelly Bindosa
Michael Blessing



Natalie Blaza
Gabrielle Block
Anna Bloom
Timothy Blue
Magdalena Bonilla





Aurora Bonner
Troy Borlick
Nathaniel Bouman
Lauren Boyes
Alaina Boynak



Kelsey Brewer
Stelen Brewer
Christopher Brosky
Erin Brown
Greer Brown



Shawn Brown
Abigail Brubaker
Leah Burch
Clayton Burton
Zachary Campbell



Yasmín Camillo
Jake Castarello
Jaeson Charig
Jacob Chapman
Mattison Chayhitz



Theanoe Christos
Alexander Chronis
Sydney Clark
Joshua Cleveland
Kelsey Clines

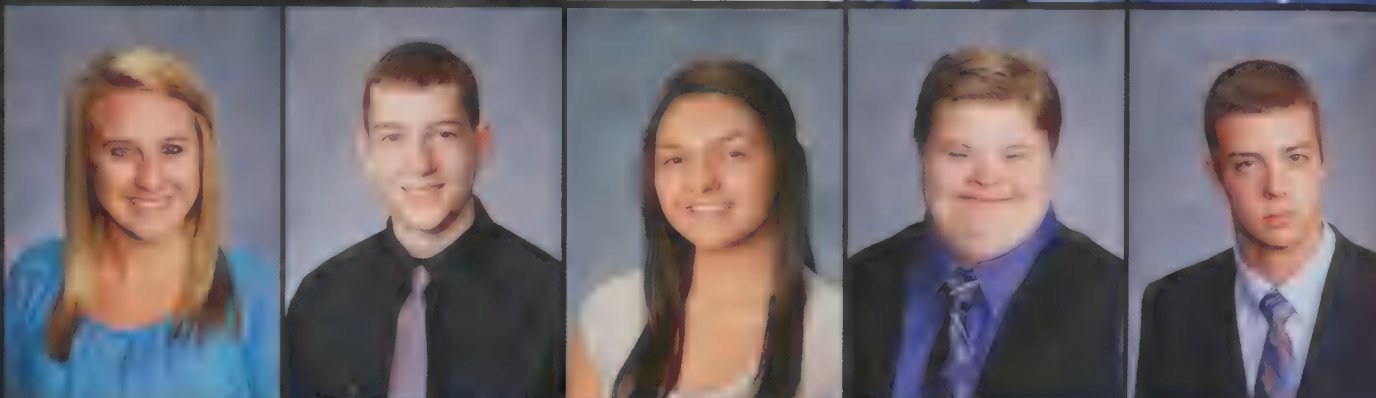
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Colette Collins
Rachael Combs
Hunter Coplan
Dakota Gorcoran



Nathan Corbett
Charlotte Goto
John Coulapoulos
Conor Cox
Nathaniel Cox



Makayla Coyle
Noah Crafton
Amanda Cruz
Jacob Cummings
Reid Curry



Caitlyn D'Elia
Kyle Dahlgren
Shannon Dancho
Angela Darrol
Mark Davidson



Caleb Dawson
Vanessa Delgado
Cassandra Deman
Alyssa Despois
Connor Devine





Madeleine Devries
Matthew Dick
Lauren Donnell
Madeleine Douglas
Allison Drever

Harley Dubsky
Daniel Dull
Erica Ellis
Joseph Ellison
Nathan Enloe

Gigi Esparza
Noelle Eveland
Mercedes Farias
Dustin Ferguson
Makenna Fetch

Which Character from *The Breakfast Club* Are You?

1. What do you enjoy doing most after school?

- A) going shopping
- B) causing trouble
- C) going to the gym
- D) hanging out by yourself
- E) doing your homework.

2. What do you like talking about most?

- A) yourself
- B) your jail experience
- C) the game you have this weekend
- D) You don't like talking to people.
- E) school

3. How do you spend your weekends?

- A) hanging out with your closest friends and buying things
- B) being arrested.
- C) being at practice
- D) staying alone and silent
- E) studying

4. What is your favorite subject?

- A) fashion
- B) I don't go to class.
- C) gym
- D) psychology
- E) physics

5. How do you study for finals?

- A) reading fashion magazines
- B) I don't study because I don't care.
- C) reading *Sports Illustrated*
- D) being alone in a dark room
- E) reading every text book I have

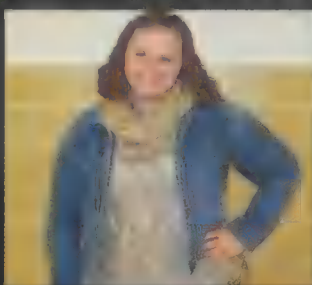
MOSTLY A'S: You are most like Claire, a princess.

MOSTLY B'S: You are a lot like John Bender, a juvenile delinquent.

MOSTLY C'S: You are similar to Andy, an athlete.

MOSTLY D'S: You are Allison, a basket case.

MOSTLY E'S: You are Bryan, a brain.



Rachel Keller

Q: How will you incorporate music into your life after high school and in college?

A: I just auditioned for a vocal

scholarship at my college, Concordia University Wisconsin. I have been thinking recently about minoring in music and I will be auditioning for every musical and play I can!

Q: What is your favorite musical and why?

A: I loved the movie musical *Les Misérables* because of the perfect vocals.

Q: How has music and the arts affected who you are today?

A: The arts, especially music, is my life. When I was younger, I was diagnosed with a hip disease and had to quit the sports I was involved in. I started singing and being in shows since it was one of the things I could actually do. Singing is definitely therapeutic for me.

Q: When/why did you first become interested in film-making?

A: I became interested in filmmaking probably around the age of five when I saw *Jurassic Park*. I liked how massive the movie was and wanted to make something that big in the future.

Q: What movies interest you most?

A: Ones that have a massive scale such as the great epics *Schindler's List*, *Braveheart*, *Titanic*, *Star Wars*, *Indiana Jones*, *Lord of the Rings*, and of course *Lawrence of Arabia*. I like anything that has an engaging plot and characters.

Q: If you could direct your own movie right now, about your life, what would you call it?

A: *Anand of Indiana* or maybe the *Anandception* or the *Anandfather*.



Anand Balar

Andrew Finley
Andrew Fletcher
Nathanial Florio
Jared Folke
Matthew Ford



Trent Fortson
Cole Fraire
Payton Freestone
Zoe Fromm
Samantha Gabrish



Shelby Gaither
Chris Galanos-Olsen
Patrick Gallagher
Jordan Gallardo
Kelly Garbukas





Nathan Gayda
Joannah Genlica
Lauren Georgeff
Steven Gerry
Morgan Gilliland



Ellen Gittler
Elliot Granados
Zachary Graykowski
Nicholas Greco
Morgan Green



Kenton Greene
Justin Greenfield
Carly Greubel
Brandon Greve
David Gutierrez



Andrew Gurek
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Rachel Hall
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Zachary Hardesty

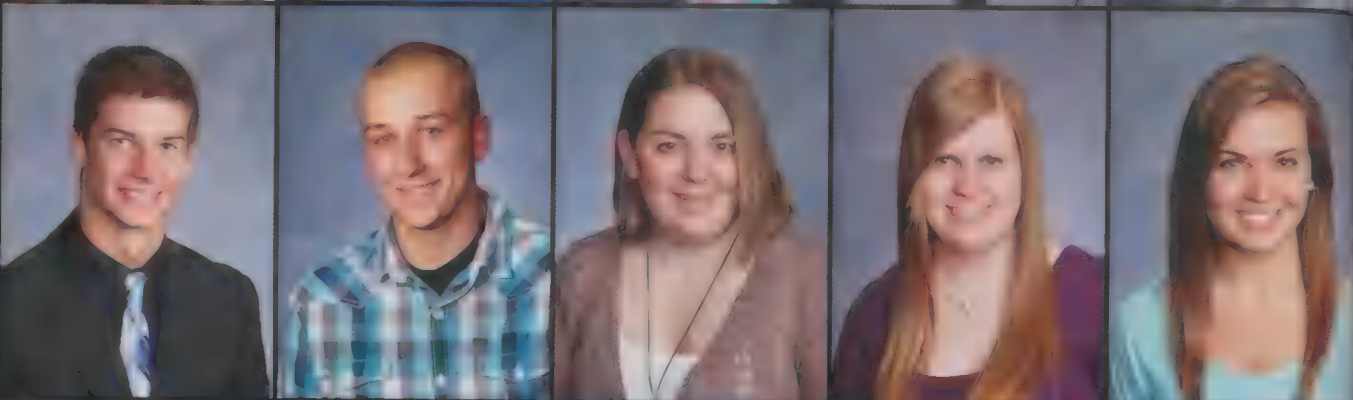


Erica Harms
Zachary Harms
Andrew Hauser
Spencer Hayes
Alexander Healy

Emily Heinold
Lars Henderson
Carley Heroldt
Kevin Hickey
Kayla Higgins



David Hittinger
Kendal Holesinger
Samantha Holland
Elizabeth Holan
Alexandra Houser



Samantha Hovanec
Bronna Howe
Matthew Hoyer
Austin Huppmann
Troy Janesheeki



Andrew Jankowski
Georginna Jarratt
Collin Jenkins
Mark Johnson
Zachary Jortner



Jasmine Josley
Aidan Kaiser
Theresa Kay
Gareth Kaye
Rachel Keller





Austin Kemp
Caitlin Kennedy
Kelly Kennedy
Kelli Keough
Cassandra Klavas



Kami Kleelish
Ashley Kleist
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Noah Klumpe
Tavia Kobitz



Caroline Koenig
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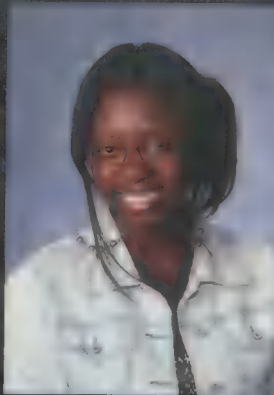


George Krummel
Michael Krutz
Aubrey Kurt
Joseph Lampman
Bridgette Lange



Tiara Lara
Alexis Lawrence
Benjamin Lawson
Dakota Layman
Theresa Lazzaroni

Branna Lee
Kylie Labgett
Conna Lemarie
Kimberly Lenker
Natalie Lichtenberger



Jacob Linn
Matthew Lunghofer
Dianesha Magee
Troyer Mahlmann
Aislinn Malayter



Kevin Manger
Dorian Manlan
Briana Marchetti
Maximilian
Marischaert
Alaina Martin



Amy Martin
Madison Martin
Eli Martin-Eberhardt
Kenneth Mauer
Amiah Mayberry



Ryan McBride
Nathan McChesney
Amanda McDonald
Stacy McGriffin
Andrew Moars



Slack lining

Kevin Mangel and **Adam Sandberg** brought a new pop-culture activity to the people of Valparaiso.

Slack lining was a practice in balance where the nylon or polyester webbing was tensioned between two anchor points. In other words, the VHS students anchored a nylon slack line between two trees, and then they tried to walk back and forth without falling off. Mangel and Sandberg slack lined just about anywhere they could, but their favorite place to practice was between two trees by the courthouse downtown.

"I'm not really sure how I officially got into it," said Sandberg. "I saw other people doing it and became curious. Soon enough, I got my own and started to try it out."

The line itself is usually flat, a deceiving feature to those unfamiliar with the stunt.

"There were always people that underestimated the level of balance you needed to actually be successful with it. It took both of us some time to figure it out. It was usually something that someone could pick up after a handful of tries," said Mangel.

The highest slack line ever recorded was 3,821 feet high. Sandberg commented on the ridiculous world record. "Something says that I would love to try that someday, but something also says that I'd love to live my life in its entirety. We'll see how far I go with it (slack lining)," said Sandberg.

Those who participated in slack lining were often called "slackers", but it was quite evident that the VHS seniors did not fit the title.



*Alison Meyer
Briann Meyers
Emily Miles
Carlie Miller
David Miller*

*Kyle Miller
Kathryn Minko
Patrick Moore
Lynn Morgan
Timothy Morlock*

*Charity Munro
Emily Nagatz
Caleb Ness
Patricia Newton
Austin Nichols*

Judah Nichols
Chandler Nielsen
Bryne Novak
Hnather Novak
Robert Nusbaum



Adedayo Ogundipe
Joseph Orr
Justin Osburn
Emily Owens
Kevin Pacey



Andrew Page
Oscar Palin
Hannah Parker
Jessica Parion
Mitchell Paxton



Elijah Paz
Tyler Peddle
Anne Penman
Alexia Perez
Stephanie Perry



Morgan Pingel
Victoria Pitmon
Courtney Platt
Kevin Platt
Lauren Platt





*Amanda Ploetz
 Nicole Priak
 Hannah Podell
 Clayton Poore
 Jeremy Post*



*Nicholas Pruitt
 Francesca Pupillo
 Abigail Ramirez
 Michael Rastovic
 Lilly Reed*



*Jeremiah Reeves
 John Reid
 Lauren Reineke
 Connor Ritzi
 Steven Robb*



*Julia Sophia Roberts
 Xavier Roberts
 Jessica Rodriguez
 Donald Roganovich
 Ricardo Rosario
 Hoover*



*Anthony Rosentrater
 Daniel Roth
 Christian Rouse
 Triston Rouse
 Shelby Sadler*

Kyle Salomon
Adam Sandberg
Quinn Sandelski
Austin Sanders
Matthew Scarsella



Hannah Scheibel
Ryder Schenck
Elizabeth Schlichting
Ryan Schmitt
Cheyanne Schroeder



Courtney Schurleman
Cason Schwarz
Erik Schwedland
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Tyler Sexton

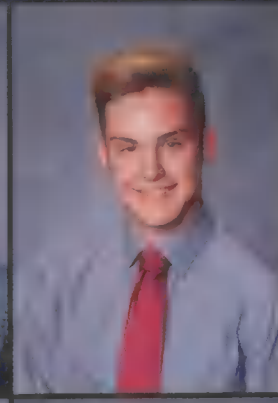
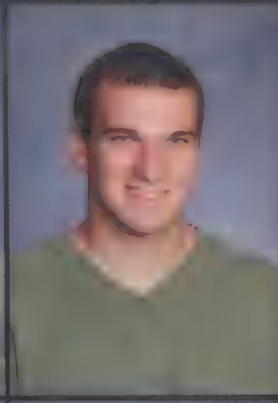


Laura Sheldon
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Courtney Smith

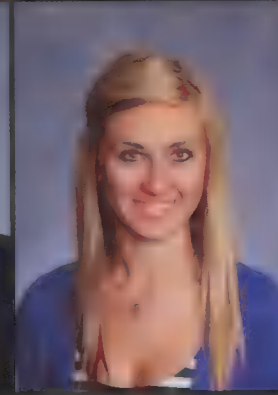




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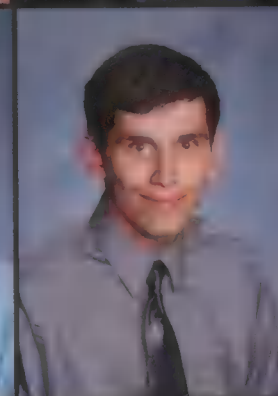
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 Shirantha Stanislaus
 Kaitlyn Sullivan



Brantley Sutherland
 Zachary Sutton
 Sabrina Swart
 Melissa Szmagaj
 Ashley Taber



Shawn Thompson
 Evan Thorstad
 Steven Thurnan
 Yen Tieu
 Jordan Tikalsky



Joel Timmons
 Joseph Timpe
 Eduardo Toban
 Kevin Tognetti
 Mackenzie Trott

Alexis Truitt
Steven Tsapanikos
Marilee Tullis
Grace Tulloch
Wesley Umbower



Bennett Van
Schouwen
Andrew Vecchi
Savannah Velez
Kristina Veljovic
Autumn Venekamp



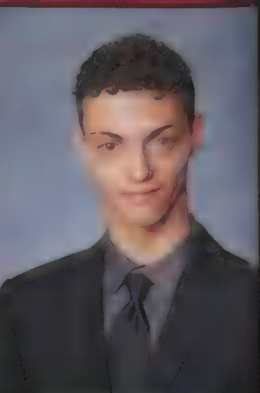
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Katalina Vincent
Andrew Wallis
Bria Walker
Samantha Wall



Anna Walls
Thomas Walsh
Jasmine Warren
Elizabeth Wehren
Kelli West



Gavin White
Emily Whited
Madison Whitter
John Wiergacz
Jacob Wiernan





Karl Wiese
Konrad Wiese
Mitchel Wiles
Chloe Williams
Peter Williams

Rachel Willing
Samantha Willy
Emilee Wilson
Jacob Woodward
Mitchell Wszolek

Maria Yallourakis
Samantha Yano
Cora Zoss
Carmen Zubik

SLYCE Comes to VHS

The South Shore Leadership Youth for Community Engagement (SLYCE) was a new program that accepted forty-eight students from Northwest Indiana out of hundreds who had applied. Three seniors from Valparaiso High School went through a process of nominations, applications, and interviews to be accepted. Seniors **Maria Yallourakis**, **David Hittinger**, and **Rachel Hall** began their work in the program last January and graduated from the program in December of 2013.

SLYCE had many motivational speakers visit the 48 students to teach them about leadership skills. "I met mayors, recreational directors of cities, and many successful entrepreneurs," said **Yallourakis**. Many business opportunities were presented to the students that could help them create contacts in NWI. The students also learned how to effectively work with others, to communicate clearly, and to always take advantage of opportunities when presented.

The student leaders finished up their service projects for the program in December. Projects ranged from preventing drug abuse to expanding fine arts. The projects enabled the group of students to use what they had learned throughout all their sessions meeting with SLYCE. The goal of the program was improving NWI as well as finding leaders to do it.





Senior Royalties



Erica Ellis
Rachel Hall
Emilee Wilson

Jared Folke
Kevin Mangel
Michael Rastovic

Best Smile



Samantha Gabrish
Kelli Keough
Alaina Martin

Nathan Bouman
Andrew Fletcher
Mitchell Breaky

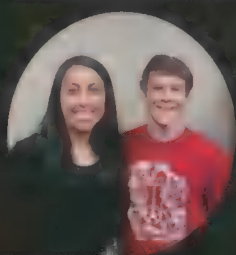
Best Hair



Maria Yallourakis
Classie Klavas
Isabella Bisone

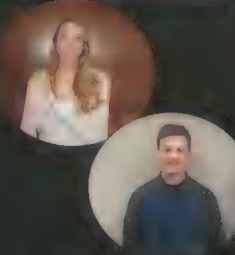
Josh Turner
Nick Hathoot
Brendan Sutherland

Biggest Flirt



Kelli Keough
Kaitie Barton
Carly Greubel

Andrew Fletcher
Adam Miller
Steven Gerry



Greer Brown
Jessica Rodriguez
Marissa Weston

Dan Azar
Andrew Walits
Sam Baker



Kelly Bledsoe
Isabella Bisone
Dorian Manion

Alex Healy
Mike Blessing
Gareth Kaye

Best Dressed

Best Musical Talent

Drama King/Queen



Theanoe Christos
Amy Martin
Maddie Sloan

Nathan Biancardi
Nathan Schwartz
Daveon Gatlin



Alyssa Despoy
Mandy Ploetz
Noelle Eveland

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Chris Gallo



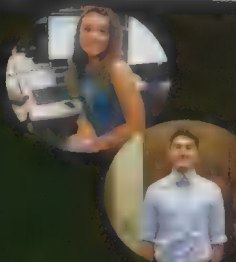
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Anna Walls

Andrew Antonetti
Justin Osburn
Luke Kovar

Awesome Artist

Class Clown

Amazing Athlete



Lexi Shideler
Kelly Bledsoe
Kaitie Barton

Jaeson Chang
Steven Gerry
Mark Johnson



Samantha Yaros
Hannah Scheibel
Ashley Smith

Josh Abatie
Michael Krutz
Mark Johnson



Kathy Minko
Claudia Airey
Rachel Keller

Thomas Walsh
Timothy Blue
Chandler Nielsen

Most Likely to Never Return

Most Likely to Become a VHS

Most Likely to Brighten

to Valpo

Teacher

Someone's Day



Alejandra Guzman
Brigdette Lange
Sam Hovanec

Kevin Tognetti
Nick Hathoot
Patrick Moore



Leena Aljobeh
Kelly Kennedy
Caitlin Kennedy

Chandler Nielsen
Anand Balar
Thomas Walsh



Samantha Yaros
Lena Barajas
Caroline Koonig

Jaeson Chang
Josh Abatie
Connor Devine

Most Memorable Laugh

Most Likely to Succeed

Most Involved

Nate Cornett &
Caroline Barounes
Caleb Dawson &
Grace Tulloch
Connor Devine &
Caroline Koertig



Cutest Couple

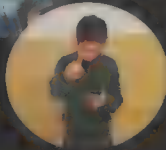
Perfect Couple that Never Dated



Thomas Walsh &
Kathy Minko
Shirantha Stanislaus &
Jordan Berdovich
Zach Hardesty &
Sam Hovanec



Bridgette Lange
Noelle Eveland
Aurora Bonner



Duff Breakay
Nick Schmidt
Taylor Bezotte



Amy Martin
Maddie Sloan
Eleni Kalafas



Blake Biesen
Gareth Kaye
Oscar Palin



Lauren Boyes
Alexia Perez
Sabrina Swart

Tyler Peddle
Kevin Hickey
Chandler Nielsen

Best Twitter

Feed



Lexi Shideler
Eleni Kalafas
Maddie Arnold



Michael Rastovic
Ryan McBride
Nick Greco



Rachel Willing
Makenna Fetch
Maddie Devries



Kelly Adams
Mitch Wiles
Andrew Jankowski



Mercedes Farias
Leena Aljohani
Anna Bloom



Troy Borlick
Anand Balar
Ethan Biggs

Most Likely to Date a Celebrity

Most Likely to Change Their Major 20 Times

Most Likely to Take Over the World



Sydney Clark
Kaitlyn Ingram
Emily Nagatz



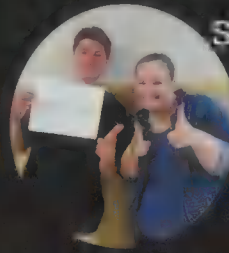
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Brooke Sever
Maria Yallourakis
Stephanie Clymer



Mitch Wiles
Nick Schmidt
Patrick Gallagher



Stephanie Clymer
Rachel Keller
Anna Bloom

Steven Gerry
Jaeson Chang

Best Car

Worst Driver

Biggest Suck-Up



Alexia Perez
Rachel Willing
Jessica Rodriguez

Jordan Gallardo
Jared Folke
Ethan Biggs



Makayla Coyle
Mercedes Farias
Chloe Williams

Austin Nichols
Quinn Sandelski
Mikey Gallinati



Makayla Coyle
Abby Ramirez
Anna Walls



Matt Ford
Mark Johnson
Patrick Gallagher

Most Likely to Show Up Late for Graduation

Most Likely to be Incarcerated in a Foreign Country

Most Likely to Not Know What Incarcerated Means

Ben Lawson &
Peter Williams
Kyle Bishop &
Tyler Peddle
Tim Blue &
Jacob Chapman



Best Bromance

Best Friends Forever



Melissa Szmajek &
Maddie Douglas
Maddie Sloan &
Corinne Lemarie
Maddie Devries &
Maddie Arnold

Juniors

Junior Officers



(L to R): President Nathan Courtney, Treasurer Emily Singer,
Vice-President Kurt Kohler
Not pictured: Secretary Kathryn Bower

Junior class officers **Nathan Courtney**, **Kurt Kohler**, **Kathryn Bower**, and **Emily Singer** had a lot to accomplish this year. From setting up for prom to hosting a fundraiser for Riley's Children's Hospital to handling the pre-homecoming, the officers had a wide range of responsibilities to keep them busy during the year.

Junior class president **Nathan Courtney** said that leadership skills played a huge role in being a class officer. "They were used to lead your classmates and set a good example for them," **Courtney** said. "It was important to be brave, honest, and responsible."

With all these important traits it took to be a class officer, the officers needed to be hard-working in order for everything to get accomplished more efficiently. **Emily Singer**, junior class treasurer, said, "I have learned that teamwork was necessary to reach goals."

"I've learned as a class officer how to communicate and work well with all different types of people. It has made me a better person and prepared me for my future," said junior class secretary **Kathryn Bower**.



Maximilian
Adam
Ahearn
Sanaah
Alfredson
Shannon

Ellen Allen
William Allen
Allis
Amber
Alvarez
Garcia
Alissa

Jose
Austin
Ashton
Atkins
Azar

Ball
Ballard
Balinas
Daniel Baraja
Alexis
Barrett
Kalei Barrett

Drake Barton
Haleigh Bates
Evan Bator
Sarah Beischer
Kay
Gale

Bohmer
Biesch
Kelly Bigger
Daniel Blessing
Victoria

Bohm
Bowman
Brier
Brown
Shannon

Matthew
Brewer
Briel
Brown
Shannon

Devon Brown
Caldwell
Mackenzie
Lauren

Kevin Fanning
 McKenzie
 Alfonso
 Castanon
 Fisher



Hannah
 Clausen
 Collins



Samantha
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 Galen
 Nathan
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Kevin
 Maeve
 Sean Curtis



Julia
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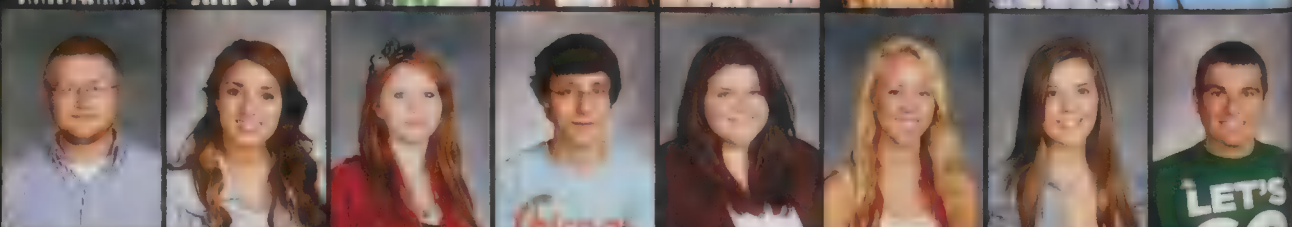
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 Brendon
 Taylor



Caroline
 Breanna
 Tyler Ellrich
 Matthew Emerson



Simon Engel
 Evan
 Alyson Feczko
 Jack



Emma
 Andrew Flasch
 Ford
 Adam Foust





Robert Galvin

Samantha Garcia
Kristin Geik
Tyler Gil
Gillian

Girman
Glenn
Ethan Gniadek
Erin Gornick

Grabow

Hall
Haller
Haller
Brandon Hamill
Brandon Harris

Zachary Harris
Andrew Haverstock
Lyndsay Hertaus

William Hines
Hite
Jeffrey Hirsch
Cameron Holford

Horst
Hort
Zachary Hirsch
Mary Jancovich
Jankowski
Javier
Jiang

Mix
Nicholas
Johnson
Anna Jones
Ian Jones

VHS Students Get Involved

Whether it was for the AP Environmental Science class, or a club, Valparaiso High School students decided to get involved with the community through the United Way Foundation for the Youth Day of Caring. The students that participated not only gave back to their community, but some also learned what volunteering was like and how it truly affected them.

Many of the students that participated discovered why volunteer work was important in the community. "We should volunteer more often because without helping even local parks like Taltree, many of them would not be where they are today," said senior **Clayton Poore**. While they weeded the parking lot, helped preserve endangered plant species, and engaged in conversation involving the environment, many participants revealed why they believed volunteer work should be done. "Volunteer work like this was important because it allowed the community to live sustainably and saving the environment began at a personal level," said junior **Abeer Kamran**.

After the long day, most participants enjoyed what they did and were pleased with the outcome of Taltree Park. "I'm glad I got to show my appreciation to my community and help the environment, the parking lot looked great!" said senior **Aislinn Malayter**.

Stamatina Kalafatis
Dominic L. ...
Christian Karcher
Andrew Kay
Maxwell ...
Meara ...
Jacqueline ...



Ann ...
Khabbazi
Kohler
Marc ...
Kostecka



Kovats
Anna Kurtz
Sarah ...
Lackey
Lawrence



Rebekka ...
Matthew Leetz
Andrew Lehn
Leitzow
Shelby ...
Lind



Jiang ...
Lomas
Emily Lynch
Kelly ...
Zaid



Julia Manion
Charles Marrell
Marin
Marinez
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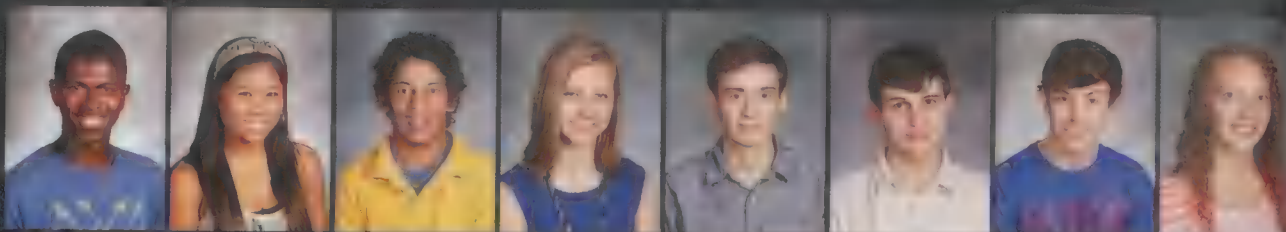
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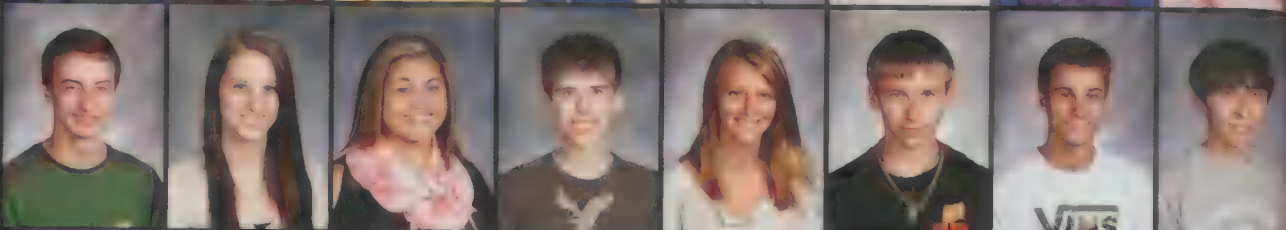
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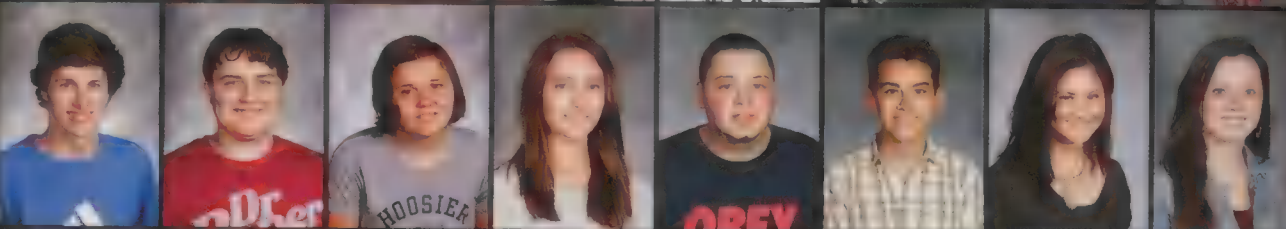
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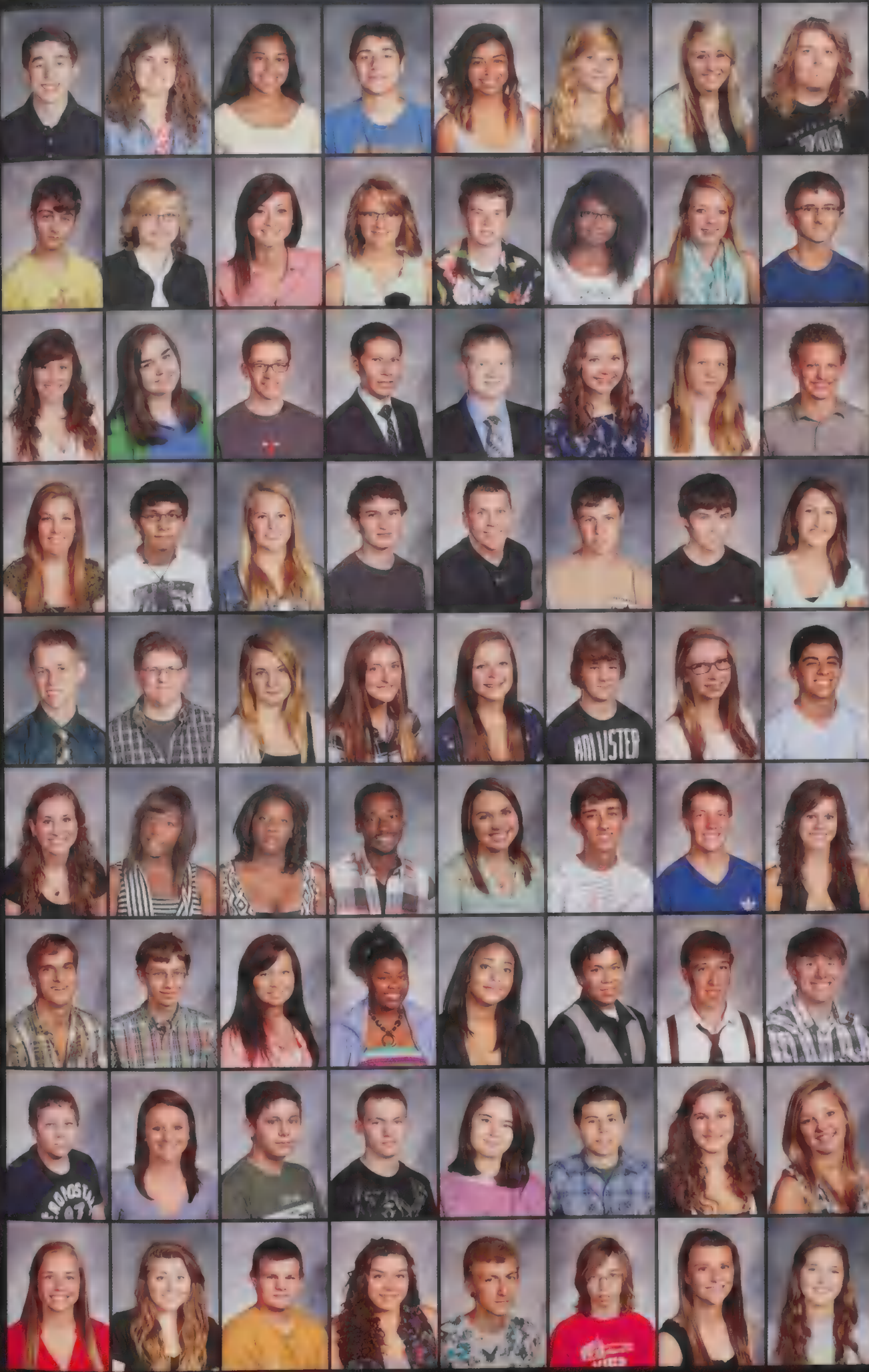


(L to R): Vice-President **Isaiah Smith**, President **Olivia Murray**, Treasurer **Katie Janoski**, Secretary **Olivia Chappell**

The school year was a busy time for sophomore president **Olivia Murray** and vice president **Isaiah Smith**. The pair set a goal to be involved in as much as they could and also encouraged many students to be active in their school. Participating was a key component to a successful term.

Murray became involved in student council during middle school and continued her efforts during high school. She did her best to be the strongest leader for her class. "My role as an officer was to attend all of the meetings and attend as many activities as I could," Murray said. She thanked student council for giving her the opportunity to meet other strong leaders who she could call friends. Murray chose to become a part of student council because of her ability to lead and her sense of communication.

Smith's goal was to help students become involved with the events at Valparaiso High School. "I liked meeting new people and being active in our school," Smith said. He enjoyed organizing activities for students and being able to see their reactions to his work. Smith believed it was important to work together in order to achieve a higher goal.



Erica Acton
Saba
Anita
Ardelcan
Chloe Arndt
William

Grace
Amanda Baker
Baker
Baker
Baker
Banks
Cody Banks

Jordan Begg
Elizabeth Hall
Cassandra
Noah Bennett

Yvon
Billetter
Matthew
Joseph
Justin

Jackson Block
Nicholas
Adorec
Jarrett Bravo

Brice
Kamiko
Makayla Bridges
Brown
Jakob Bryan

John Buggeln
Michael
Ariel
Jordan

Trenton
Brooke Carr
Carson
Mia
Kristina

Samantha
Olivia
Andrew
Chayhitz
Christie

A row of eight individual student portraits, each showing a different student from the chest up. The students are arranged horizontally, and each has a unique hairstyle and clothing choice. The backgrounds of the portraits are a mix of solid colors and subtle patterns.

A row of eight student portraits. From left to right: a girl with long brown hair wearing a teal shirt; a boy with short brown hair wearing a white polo shirt; a boy with short brown hair and glasses wearing a white lab coat over a teal shirt; a boy with short brown hair wearing a blue polo shirt; a girl with short blonde hair and glasses wearing a black t-shirt with a rainbow graphic; a girl with long blonde hair wearing a pink t-shirt; a girl with long reddish-brown hair wearing a black lace top; and a girl with long dark hair wearing a pink t-shirt.

A row of eight individual student portraits, each showing a different student from the chest up. The students are diverse in appearance, including hair color, style, and clothing. The portraits are arranged horizontally in a single row.

A row of seven student portraits. From left to right: a male student with dark hair wearing a black and white striped polo shirt; a female student with long brown hair wearing a green top; a female student with long brown hair wearing a pink top; a male student with dark hair wearing a white polo shirt; a female student with long brown hair wearing a white top; a female student with long red hair wearing a dark top; and a male student with short brown hair wearing a blue and white striped polo shirt.

A row of eight student portraits. From left to right: a young woman with long dark hair wearing a pink and white patterned top; a young woman with long brown hair and glasses wearing a black top; a young woman with long dark hair wearing a blue top; a young man with short dark hair wearing a black t-shirt with a yellow graphic; a young man with short dark hair wearing a light blue t-shirt; a young woman with long dark hair wearing a white top; a young woman with long dark hair wearing a black top; and a young man with short dark hair wearing a grey t-shirt and a black necklace.



Louie
 Rosetta Greco
 Greene
 Gronecki

Natalie Gruszka
 Eddie
 Hagen
 Shannon
 Halaschuk
 Trevor

Hanson
 Gabrielle Harper
 Sarah Hartman
 Madeline

Kendall Heer
 Timothy
 Riley
 Farmer

Monica
 Nicholas
 Hines
 Holland
 Hooks
 Breanna
 Angel

Howe
 Huizar
 Jessica Huizar
 Sydney
 Isroff

Alexandra
 Matthew
 Janoski
 Hannah
 Gillian Johnson

Logan Johnson
 Joll
 Alexander Kaariainen
 Sophie
 Madisen Kammerer
 Brian Karr
 Reece

Sarah
 King
 Kirk

Kirkpatrick
Samuel
Cameron Knaus
Knoche



Nicholas Krenz
Krown
Krsak
Alexa Kudrak
Alexander



Sara
Elizabeth
Lattea
Lindholm
Austin Linc



Lockhart
Andi
Destinee
Low
Mack
Lauren Mack



Andrew
Manatrey
Marchetti
Lauren Marciniak
Mark
Marshall



Justus
Sarah Martin
Ava Massarella
Matthew
McChristian



McIntyre
McMaster
Joshua Mears
Malerie Meeh



Alli
Julia
Hannah Miles
Miles
Miller
Destane



Kyle
Miracle





Mitchell
 Jacob Mitche
 Sarah Moats
 Leslie Monterroso
 Nathan
 Murphy

Olivia
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 Zachary

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 Nowosad
 Matthew O'Brien
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 Owens
 Paceley

Page
 Palacios
 Virginia
 Matthew

Patterson
 Paulk
 Analyse Pena
 Pitman

Which Position in the Movie Industry Best Fits You?

- In school, your favorite class is
 - Business/Marketing
 - IPR
 - Creative Writing
 - Drama
- On a rainy day, you would more than likely
 - check the balance of your bank account
 - read a Steven Spielberg biography
 - write short stories
 - sing and dance in front of a mirror
- Every time you watch a movie, you...
 - look up how much it made at the box office
 - critique the casting job
 - think of your own alternative endings
 - look up where the lead actor/actress went to college

- If handed \$100, you would immediately
 - calculate how much you can spend after necessities
 - give it to your friend and tell them to buy you something
 - go to Barnes & Nobles and buy some new books
 - go shopping for clothes/accessories
- You can meet one person. It would be
 - Harvey Weinstein
 - George Lucas
 - Woody Allen
 - Ryan Gosling

MOSTLY AS: You are a producer.
MOSTLY BS: You are a director.
MOSTLY CS: You are a screenplay writer.
MOSTLY DS: You are an actor/actress.

Lucas Pollock
 Emma Pollock
 Thomas Pollock
 Jilian Rafalski
 Anna Rafalski



Sandra Rahn
 Sandra Rahn
 Anne Rastovski
 Redelman
 Desirea Richmond



Gabriel Roberts
 M. Roberts
 Gabriel Roberts
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 Gabriel Roberts



Joshua Ruvituso
 Joshua Ruvituso
 Joshua Ruvituso
 Melissa Sanecki
 Samantha Sanecki



Rachel Schwartz
 Rachel Schwartz
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 Rachel Schwartz



Nicholas Schwartz
 Nicholas Schwartz
 Nicholas Schwartz
 Madeline Simcich
 Madeline Simcich



Matthew Simon
 Mark Small
 Mark Small
 Katelyn Smith
 Smolar



Aaron Soriano
 Abelardo Soriano
 Soto
 Travis Soto
 David Soto



Carissa Stewart
 Jonathan Stowers
 Jonathan Stowers
 Stutz
 Suchak





Danielle Swenson
Tristan
Abbigale
Conner

Abbey Thomas
Justus Thomas
Jared
Alena
Sicily Townsend
Selina

Trask
Trieu
Jane
Summer

Charles
Samantha Van
Velez
Anna
Jeffrey Venekamp

Hanna
Skylar Wallace
Walls
Gena
Hannah Walsh
Alexzondria Walters

Daniel Warner
Arianna Warren
Madeleine
Russell Walton
Austin White
White

Jordan White
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Wirth
Wong
Woods
Woodworth
Matthew
York

Ethan
Zombik
Jonathan

Freshman

Freshman Officers



(L to R): Treasurer Ray Kreloff, Secretary Olivia Rosario, President Malika Saxena
Vice President Lexi Lahey

Freshman year was an exciting time but it was even more exciting for the ones who led their class. The freshman officers consisted of President **Malika Saxena**, Vice President **Lexi Lahey**, Secretary **Olivia Rosario**, and Treasurer **Ray Kreloff**.

Saxena was involved in student council for six years. Her goals for the year were to improve class spirit and try to get more students involved. "Being a president definitely helped me understand different leadership qualities and grow as a student council president," stated Saxena.

Vice President Lexi Lahey believed that representing her classmate's ideas was the most important part about being in student council. "Student Council brought together people who all had the same goal: to better the school in a fun way. It was really rewarding to watch this happen through all of the hard work we put in," Lahey said.

All of the freshmen officers agreed that being involved was the best part of student council and that they held high hopes for making the year the best for their class.



Abraham
Ackenhusen
Andrew
Angert
Zachary

Tucker Anthony
Arnold
Assa
Marc Ayres
Katerina Bakas

Bailly Baker
Adeline
Nicholas
Baldwin
Ball
Banks
Noah Barajas

Riley Baros
Barrasas
Claire
Martin Behnke
Benford

Beverly Bewick
Kaitlynn
Barbara
Blossom
Bluhm

Mark Boldyn
Grace
Borsheim
Rachel Bowman

Claire
KaMari
Elliot Brooks
Noah Brownfield
Brandon
Burton
David Bush

Madison
Brandon
Campolattara
Adrian
Noah Case
Erika

Carley
Tyler Cher
Jakob
Christos
Cieliesz
Nathaniel Cierniak

Grason Thibault
Jordan Thibault
Kaitlyn Thibault
Clayton Clark
Alexis Collins
Kaitlyn Collins



David Covington
Spencer Cox
Zoe Crowder
Madeline Crowder



David Curtis
Emily Curtis
Matthew Curtis
Kaitlyn Curtis
Kaitlyn Curtis
Kaitlyn Curtis



Jacob Ditto
Emily Ditto
Nicole Edwards
Irina Edwards



Eric Farris
Alexis Farris
Nicholas Farris
Nicholas Farris
Nicholas Farris



Irene Fontanez
Brigitte Fontanez
Brigitte Fontanez



Mckenna Fuerst
Mckenna Fuerst
Mckenna Fuerst
Brandon Gall
Brandon Gall
Brandon Gall



Julia Gebhardt
Julia Gebhardt
Julia Gibson
Julia Gibson
Kama Gilliland



Alexandra Goetz
Skye Goetz
Alexis Gonzalez
Alexis Gonzalez
David Griffin
Darien Griffin





Emma
Haitsma
Meagan
Derrick
Halt

Halpin
Joshua Hamer
Hailey
Angela
Aaron Harris

Nathan Hendricks
Hisick
Brooke Hollandsworth
Ian

Matthew Hook
Makayla Houldson
William
Howe
Selh
Elliott Huslar

Mariah
Jakubielski
Alexandra Jansen
Devin
Thomas Jarratt

Griffin Jelenski
Jobbe
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Vachara Johnson
Evan
Jones
Jones
Jones
Tevin Jordan
Juhl
Kaiafas

Minahil Kamal
Rhiannon Kaminski
Kay
Hannah
Keaton
Katie Kellerman

Michael Kelley
Courtlin Kelly
Patrick Kelly
Alec
Mohammed Khatib
Erin
Matthew
Eric

Monroe Olsen



Freshman volleyball powerhouse **Monroe Olsen** worked hard all summer to make the transition from middle school volleyball to a much more intensive high school program.

"Being on varsity as a freshman was a goal I set as soon as I first watched my sisters play the sport," said Olsen on her reaction to making the varsity team. "I worked very hard and I was rewarded in the best possible way," she said.

Olsen referenced a few things as key components in transitioning from two completely different levels of competition. The club volleyball season kept her busy with competition and helped to reinforce some of the valuable skills that she needed to maintain in order to compete at the high school level. Olsen also explained the importance of her teammates in the transition. "All the girls on the team are super nice, and helped me to get through all of the things that I wasn't used to at the prep level."

The team as a whole had clear, substantial goals, and one of them was to make it past the sectional finals and to advance as far in the tournament as possible. Olsen's goals were those in best interest of the team, and also to break some of the current records at the high school.

Damian Lee
Robert Kucharski
Matthew Brubaker
Kolar
Noah Komoscar
Pamela Kota
Kovats
Raymond Kreloff



Robert Kucharski
Andrew Kucharski
Carmen Krutz
Maria Pryor
Thomas Rector
Jake Rogers
Adam Sauer



Maia Lazerwitz
Robert Lee
Pamela Linder
Thomas Linder
Michaela Leverich



Abigail Long
Luke Lovett
Ryan MacDonald
Robert Macdonald



Samuel Mahmann
Michael Mann
William Marischen



Adrien Martakis
Martin
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Mathews
James Mavrogeanes
Jessica McDonald
Emily
Mellree
Jack

Meadows
Alexandra
Shane Meeter
Adam Miller
Allie Miller
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Millikin
Emily
Misra
Madison
Mockus
Andrew
Zachary

Maxwell
Moon
Nya
Zachary
Valerie Morris
Mosher
Sarah

Murray
Dennis
Nagai
Suzanne Neumeier
John Nevarez

Katerina
Newhard
Nichols
Nolan
Norris

Monroe
Patrick
Owens
Adrian
Mollie

Pease
Peddle
Pentecost
Victor Peres
Pero

Perry-Jones
Anna Pfister
Matthew Piper
Poncher

Brad
Karina Ramirez-
Alvarez

Nicholas
Alexander Reyes

Noah
Julia Rohde

Sloane
Madeline Ross
Kaitlin Sarver
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Lucas Schultz
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Stephanie

William
Ryan
Simac
Simons
Allison

Smith
Sofia
Anna
Kaitlin
Baylee Staack

Brandon Steele
Stevenson
Abigail Street
Katie
Madison

Amber Tan
Tapia
Taylor
John





Thomas
Thurman
Timmons
Nathaniel
Tomaska

Brandon
Tuft

Victoria Vinos
Cesar Villanueva
Ariana
Villasenor
Volom
Wachowski

Wagner
Connor Walls
Watson
Brent Weisler
Will

Colin
Scamus Welsh
Lillian

Grant Wild
Williams
Austin Wilson
Zahn

Foreign Exchange Students at VHS

After arriving from two different Asian countries, America was a big adjustment for **Naoki Morita** and **Natcha Tangbamphensunthorn**. Both students, sponsored by the Youth for Understanding organization, had a lot on their schedules. Tangbamphensunthorn not only stayed in Valparaiso, but also planned on traveling to Japan, Texas, Minneapolis, and South Bend to study. Morita planned on staying in Valparaiso to finish high school.

Both exchange students had a bit of trouble adjusting to life in America. Tangbamphensunthorn, from Thailand, and Naoki, from Japan both used to start school at 8:30 am, so the time change on top of the early start made it a bit difficult to settle in. They both chose the class Interpersonal Relations as their favorite subject because both agreed that the teacher spoke slowly enough for them to understand. They both seemed to find their English classes challenging. Although the adjustment was a bit rough, both students would choose schooling in America over schooling in their home countries because of America's generally positive outlook and active nature. Besides the educational adjustments, the community and culture were very new to both students. "In America, I liked that everyone was so polite, and said *thank you*," stated Tangbamphensunthorn.

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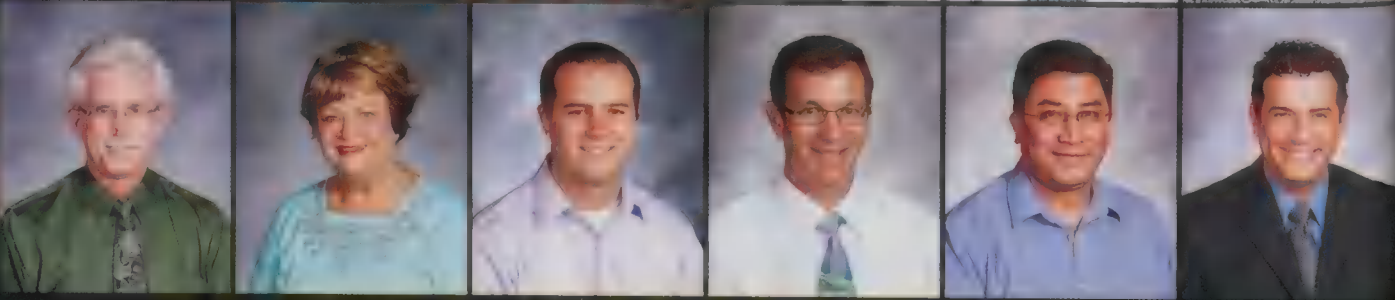
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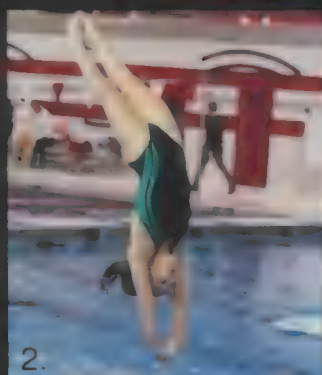
1. The varsity cheerleading squad stunt in front of the home crowd during a Viking football game.
2. During a tennis match, junior **Max Abraham** prepares to hit his forehand shot.
3. Freshman **Greg Lichtenberger** attempts to pin down his opponent.
4. While cheering at the football game, junior **Jenna Mitchell** smiles at the crowd.
5. Sophomore **Conner TenHove** dribbles the ball toward the basket.

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1. Junior **Jennifer Gough** follows through with her golf swing.
2. While in the air, senior **Kami Kleefisch** completes her dive.
3. The Lady Vikes compete at Sunset Hill Farm during the cross country meet.
4. Members of the cross country team keep a fast pace.

Varsity Football Ticket

ADMIT ONE



Before the game, **Coach Marshall** walks out of the locker room with the team.

After the football game, the boys gather in a huddle on the field.

Highlights

Anyone who was sitting in the Viking stands on Friday night could tell that there was never a lack of effort when it came to the varsity boy's football team. The loud cheers and roars of the student section showed the spirit and support VHS had for the team.

The varsity team was led by **Coach Dave Coyle**, who enjoyed working with the students on the team. "What I enjoyed most about coaching was watching the young athletes grow into young men," said **Coyle**.

Led by three senior captains **David Hittinger**, **Blake Biesen** and **Angelo Madrigal**, the team finished their regular season with a record of 3-6. The Vikings lost in the first round of their sectionals to their cross-town rival, Chesterton.



The football team busts through the Viking banner ready to take on their opponents during a Friday night.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Tony Carpenter, Hunter Blanchard, Jacob Horn, Danny Wampner, Aaron Smrekar, Hunter Fox, Matt Billings, DaCota Overland, Jake Wild, Collin Vinyard, Mark Johnson, Bryce Crook, Kyle Campaniello, TJ Woods, Luke Pollock, Jacob Stewart, Alex Spless, Nick Martin

Row 2: Doug Abraham, Gabe Brewer, Joel Suchek, Konnor Minko, Jared Smolar, Carter Mitchell, Jordan Swenson, Kyle Krsak, Chris Orlich, Dylan Johnson, Collin Ahearn, John Reid, Michael Krutz, Caleb Dawson, Wyatt Coto, Hunter DeMan, Spencer Dumas

Row 3: Joel Suchak, Jake Woodward, Mikey Gallinatti, Derrick Suttles, Liam McGrath, Nathan Gayda, Ethan Frame, Jake Feltgen, Clinton Welton, Matt Lunghofer, Ben Staples, Tyler Gall, Austin Ford, Jack Healy, Mike Klingseisen, Anthony Castanon, Mitch Wiles

Row 4: Joey Carbello, Kyle Miller, Ryan Wagenblast, Angelo Madrigal, Sam Nowosad, Spencer Dumas, Michael Bezotte, Matt Mayes, JP Kunze, Eric Hess, Patrick Gallagher, Trent Fortson, Michael Girman, Matt Brennecke, Tristan Kollar, Drake Barton, Jack Andrie

Row 5: Joey Grudzien, Logan McKinney, Brody Crossin, Alex Healy, David Hittinger, Ian Suttles, Matt Ford, Zach Stearns, Josh Schlichting, Jordan Gallardo, Kyle Bishop, Luke Pollock, Alex Kukurugya, Patrick Moore, Blake Biesen, Michael Rastovic, Taylor Bezotte

Row 6: Makayla Coyle, Samantha Yaros, Megan Simon, Claire Brennecke, Abby Stewart, Rhona Gilliam, Megan Gallagher, Carissa Steele, Sam Bernardi, Bo Thorgren, Tad Davis

Row 7: Ms. Covington, Coach Gilliland, Coach Garbison, Coach McKim, Coach Plesac, Coach Winters, Coach Marshall, Coach Evans, Coach Coyle, Coach Bernardi, Coach Renn, Coach Helner, Coach Lieske, Coach Kennedy, Coach Davis, Coach Minko, Bufford, Coach Renn



1. To begin the offensive play, senior **David Hittinger** hands the football off to sophomore running back **Dacota Overland**.
2. After the team scores a touchdown, senior **Caleb Dawson** comes into the game to kick a field goal.
3. Looking down the field for his open receivers, senior quarterback **David Hittinger** prepares to throw a pass to a Viking teammate.
4. Reaching over the Merrillville defender, senior wide receiver **Michael Rastovic** catches a touchdown pass in the end zone.
5. Senior center **Kyle Bishop** gets ready to hike the ball before the Vikings start their offense.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about playing football?
Answer: My favorite part about playing football is the brotherhood on the team.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?
A: My favorite memory from this season is when we beat Chesterton and sang our fight song with our student section.

Q: Who is your role model?
A: My Dad is my role model.

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?
A: The most important thing I've learned from playing sports is to never give up, always do your best, and to play every game like it's your last.

Q: What is your favorite sport movie?
A: *Friday Night Lights*

Blake Biesen



JV Football Ticket

ADMIT ONE

Highlights

A positive attitude could get an athlete far in life. For the JV Football team, a good attitude earned them a record of 6-3.

The players created strong bonds during the season and made memories to last. Sophomore **Kyle Krsak** learned that a player should never give up in anything that he does. "My favorite part of our team was the brotherhood that we established during the season," said **Krsak**.

Sophomore **Ben Staples** remembered a key point in the season. "It was that fateful moment when Matt Ford picked up the fumble and ran in for a touchdown against Lake Central," said **Staples**.

The team was 5-2 in the DAC.

Starring

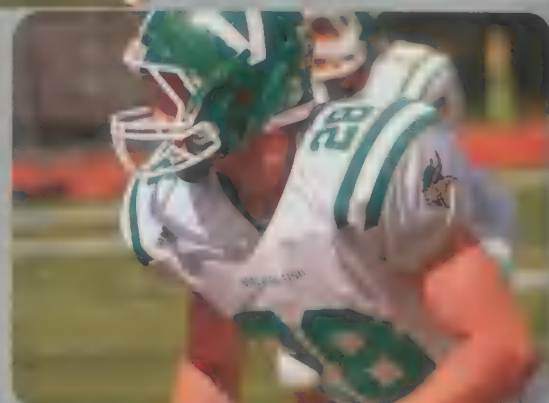


Sophomores **Jared Smolar** and **Chris Orlich** practice.

With the football in hand, sophomore **David Fox** runs the play.



Ready on the field, junior **Liam McGrath** waits in position. "Persistence is the most important trait that you could have in sports," said **McGrath**. "Or anything, for that matter."



JV quarterback, freshman **Jameson Bisacky**, begins the play. "The most important thing I've learned was to believe in your team and have confidence in your other players," said **Bisacky**.



Row 1 (L to R): Anthony Carpenter, Hunter Blanchard, Jacob Horn, Danny Wampner, Aaron Smrekar, Hunter Fox, Matt Billings, DaCola Overland, Jake Wild, Collin Vinyard, Mark Johnson, Bryce Crook, Kyle Campaniello, TJ Woods, Luke Pollock, Jacob Stewart, Alex Spiess, Nick Martin
Row 2: Doug Abraham, Gabe Brewer, Joel Suchak, Konnor Minko, Jared Smolar, Carter Mitchell, Jordan Swenson, Kyle Krsak, Chris Orlich, Dylan Johnson, Colin Ahearn, John Reid, Michael Krutz, Caleb Dawson, Wyatt Coto, Hunter DeMan, Spencer Dumas
Row 3: Jake Woodward, Mike Gallinatti, Derrick Suttles, Liam McGrath, Nathan Gayda, Ethan Frame, Jake Felten, Clinton Welton, Matt Lunghofer, Ben Staples, Tyler Gall, Austin Ford, Jack Healy, Mike Klingseisen, Anthony Castanon, Mitch Wiles
Row 4: Joey Carbello, Kyle Miller, Ryan Wagenblast, Angelo Madrigal, Sam Nowosad, Michael Bezotte, Matt Mayes, JP Kunze, Eric Hess, Patrick Gallagher, Trent Fortson, Michael Girman, Matt Brennecke, Tristan Kollar, Drake Barton, Jack Andrie
Row 5: Joey Grudzien, Logan McKinney, Brody Crossin, David Hittinger, Ian Suttles, Matt Ford, Zach Stearns, Josh Schlichting, Jordan Gallardo, Kyle Bishop, Luke Pollock, Alex Kukurugya, Patrick Moore, Blake Blesen, Michael Rastovic, Taylor Bezotte
Row 6: Makayla Coyle, Samantha Yaros, Megan Simon, Meghan Gallagher
Row 7: Laura Covington, Coach Gilliland, Coach Garblson, Coach McKim, Coach Plesac, Coach Winters, Coach Marshall, Coach Evans, Coach Coyle, Coach Bernardi, Coach Renn, Coach Heiner, Coach Lieske, Coach Kennedy, Coach Davis, Coach Minko, Coach Bufford, Coach Renn



Teammates listen as **Coach Kurt Minko** advises them.

Quarterback **Aaron Harris** begins the play.

Greg Lichtenberger shakes hands with a player from the opposing team. "Football taught me that nothing would be given to you. You have to work hard to get what you want," said **Lichtenberger**.



Teammates **Aaron Harris, Luke Sanders, and Alex Thomas** work together on the field. "These guys will be friends for life," said **Sanders**.

Freshman Football Ticket

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Highlights

The freshman football team learned a lot about leadership and working together as a unit, rather than individuals.

"Many of the upperclassmen were helpful and great leaders," said **Tyler Curtis**.

Teamwork was a key component of the team's cooperation. **Michael Lichtenberger** felt he learned a lesson after the season. "A team needs to function together to be successful. One person can't do everything," said **Lichtenberger**.

"The captains showed great leadership and the team came together to have a great season," said Coach **Jon Davis**.

The team earned a record of 5-3, and were 5-2 in the DAC.

Starring

Row 1 (L to R): Garett Paul, Griffin Jelenski, DaKota Taylor, John Nevarez, Michael Smiley, Brandon Steele, Chris Pease, Grant Wild, Patrick Kelly

Row 2: Chase Jones, Devin Jaremczuk, Noah Case, Nick Feltgen, Sean White, Michael Lichtenberger, Billy Baldwin, Greg Lichtenberger, Sean Miller

Row 3: Collin Sovich, Zach Miller, Tyler Curtis, Zach Martakis, Josh Vecchi, Zach Jones, Jeremy Wardell, Matt Koebecke, Lucas Schultz, Nathan Davis

Row 4: Derrick Halford, Alex Thomas, Aaron Harris, Mark Boldyn, Andrew Krostag, Carson Krutz, Bobby Lee, Miguel Suarez, Deveen Williams

Row 5: Jameson Bisacky, Luke Sanders, Noah Brownfield, Nick Guzman, Joseph Rios, Michael Mann, Eric Klobucar, Patrick Olsen, Ryan Boldyn

Row 6: Megan Simms, Coach Garbison, Coach Minko, Coach Davis, Coach Lieske, Claire Brennecke



Cheerleading Ticket

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Highlights

While entertaining the crowd or leading the fans in cheer, the Valparaíso High School cheerleaders gave it their all during football and basketball seasons where they showed off their spirited cheers and routines at games.

Leading cheers such as the Viking Rumble, junior **Mallory Thomas** had many responsibilities. "The most important thing I've learned from cheering was that a team consisted of multiple people working together, not just a great individual," said **Thomas**.

"My favorite part about coaching was seeing the girls work hard to hit their stunts and get excited to lead the crowd," said **Coach Kara Wissing**.

Starring



Junior **Amyla Wooden** celebrates a point scored.

The cheerleaders hold up signs at the Homecoming game.



Cheering with excitement, **Mallory Thomas** waves her poms. "My favorite thing about being part of my team was that everyone supported each other in school and when cheering," said Thomas.

The cheer team performs a stunt during half time. Members of the team cheered at the all the home football and basketball games.



Row 1 (L to R): Mimi Austin, Kelly Bledsoe, Haley Sorrells, Ashley Smith

Row 2: Amyla Wooden, Mallory Thomas, Abbey Thomas

Row 3: Ally Jansen, Lexi Barnes, Alyssa Hooks, Madi Buyer

Row 4: Coach Cindy Sabella, Kate White, Baylee Staack, Rachel Reilly, Coach Kara Wissing



Showing her spirit, senior **Emily Naggatz** waves her poms at the crowd.

Juniors **Kimberly Jankowski** and **Kara Miller** begin their routine.

Junior **Taylor Briel** assists a participant during the spirit clinic held during the fall season.



Junior **Kimberly Jankowski**, junior **Kara Miller**, and freshman **Ebone Ivory** lead a routine. "My favorite part of Vikettes was forming a bond with the girls. Vikettes was a sisterhood," said **Jankowski**.

Row 1 (L to R): Emily Naggatz, Alexandra Shideler, Aislinn Malayter

Row 2: Jenna Mitchell, Emma Patterson, Sydney Basden, Erin Turner, Kimberly Jankowski

Row 3: Ebone Ivory, Julia Gibson, Kara Miller, Taylor Briel, Taylor Segally, Lauren Rarity, Coach Molly Phelps



Vikette Ticket

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Highlights

With plenty of spirit, the Vikettes put on a show at every football game. The performances varied at each game to show off many different styles of dance.

The Vikettes performed at the football games and the basketball games. "We learned a new routine every home game, and they each took about two practices to learn. They made me feel very confident in my abilities, and I could never wait to get back on the field," said junior **Kara Miller**.

"The girls on this year's team had a terrific work ethic. They hardly ever complained, even when faced with tough situations. My favorite part of coaching was getting to know the girls and watching them accomplish something they've worked hard to achieve," said coach **Molly Phelps**.

Starring

Boy's Cross Country Ticket

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The team comes together for one last break before the start of the race.

Valpo runners come off of the line quickly at the beginning of the race.

Highlights

The Valparaiso Boys' Cross Country team made significant progress throughout the season. Finishing the season 11-0, and 7-0 in the DAC, they clinched a Conference Championship.

They practiced consistently throughout the summer, and their performance during the season displayed their determination.

The runners learned many things during the season. "The most important thing I learned was that the season was unpredictable and I had to bring it every day in order to succeed," said senior **Kevin Mangel**. "The same idea can be applied in day-to-day living."

Head coach **Mike Prow** recognized his special team. "Last year we graduated 6 runners that ran in all the post-season races and finished 3rd in state, so we had all *rookies*," said **Prow**.



Valpo sophomore **Danny Dalton** joins seniors **Kevin Hickey**, **Andrew Jankowski**, **Ari Coulopoulos** and **Corey Alfredson** in a pack.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Danny Dalton, Zach Kroll, Corey Alfredson, Jake Southwell, Kenton Greene, Corey Sanders, Aaron Finley

Row 2: Courtlin Kelly, Ian Holmes, Drew Finley, Chuck Vamos, John Buggeln, Kyle Sharp, Andrew Jankowski, Will Marischen

Row 3: Ethan McChristian, Ari Coulopoulos, Nick Jobbe, Logan Meeter, Connor Ritz, Oscar Palin, Kevin Mangel

Row 4: Jerry Perez, Josh Runyan, Ben Hardwick, Connor Devine, Jonathan Zygmunt, Adrian Casaday, Louie Greanias, Theran Coulopoulos

Row 5: Coach Mike Prow, Kevin Hickey, Jacob Chapman, Jack Gabrish, Zach Hardesty, Alec Kessler, David Juhl, Isaiah Smith, Coach Aaron Crague



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1. Leading a pack of Valpo runners, sophomores **Jack Gabrish** and **Ethan McChristian** race on their home course.
2. Junior **Camden Davison** completes a lunge to stretch out before the race.
3. Displaying incredible determination, senior **Andrew Jankowski** finishes the race at Sunset Hill Farm.
4. Head coach **Mike Prow** and assistant coach **Aaron Crague** discuss the race.
5. Seniors **Ari Coulopoulos** and **Corey Alfredson** congratulate freshman **Adrian Casaday** after completing the meet.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about running cross country?

A: Learning about myself every day and overcoming challenges is the best part about the sport.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: Coming together as a team at camp during the summer was a great memory.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: My role model is Coach Crague!

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: The most important thing I've learned is resiliency.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a part of your team?

A: My favorite part about being on the team was being a part of the brotherhood.

Kevin Kickey



Girl's Cross Country Ticket

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The team takes off in the race against Chesterton.

Senior **Liz Schlichting** races alongside a Crown Point runner.

Highlights

"Perserverance this year was impressive, we didn't have a full team, not until sectionals," said **Coach Adam Nellessen**.

Nellessen's favorite part about coaching this year was seeing the team succeed. "Seeing all the girls running on the course together at sectionals was the best moment of the season," he said. The most challenging part of the season according to the coach was keeping everyone healthy and avoiding injuries.

This season, the cross country team placed fourth at the DAC, seventh at the New Prairie Invite, thirteenth at Culver, and second at Lion's Invite.

The team was led by seniors **Michaela Gazdich**, **Emily Owens**, and **Liz Schlichting**.



The team receives a pep talk before their race.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Kelly Bigger, Madison Whitler, Francie Fink, Ellie Joll, Marie Wirsing, Sara Kupsis, Abby Mitchell

Row 2: Caira Walker, Brittany Brice, Alena Tonne, Alison Mundell, Aleksa Reed, Liz Schlichting

Row 3: Alexia Perez, Mollie Palinca, Alaina Martin, Shelby Kucharyski, Emily Owens, Emily Poncher, Sydnye Nosbusch

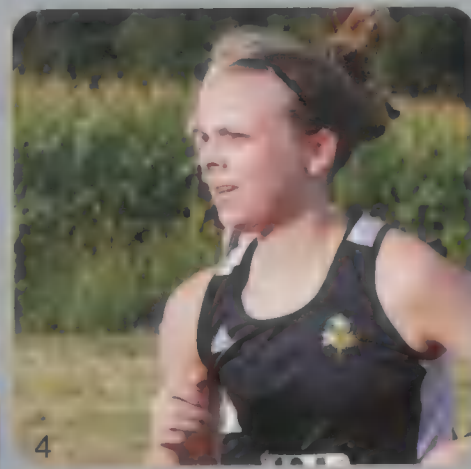
Row 4: Assistant Coach Lauren Hardesty, Samantha Van Dam, Michaela Gazdich, Julia Rohde, Taylor Kovats, Aurora Bonner, Jane Tullis, Head Coach Adam Nellessen



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1. Getting ready for a run, sophomore **Sara Kupsis** stretches to prepare.
2. Sophomore **Alena Tonne** lets off some steam by having a laugh during a meet.
3. **Alison Mundell**, a junior, breezes through the finish line.
4. Sophomore **Abby Mitchell** gives it her all during a race.
5. In the race against Chesterton and Crown Point, sophomore **Jane Tullis** leads the pack.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about running cross country?

Answer: Doing what I love with the people I love.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: Going to camp!

Q: Who is your role model?

A: I have a lot of respect for Boomer. He has had a huge impact on my life both in and out of practice.

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: I've learned what it means to be a part of something that goes far beyond myself. It's amazing what you can accomplish when you're training not for yourself, but for the people you care about.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a part of your team?

A: We've been blessed with such a great group of girls. My absolute favorite thing about being a part of my team is working with them.

Emily Owens



Varsity Boy's Soccer Ticket

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Highlights

The boys' varsity soccer team worked hard throughout the summer, and they fought hard the entire season. Led by senior captains **Luke Kovar**, **Dan Roth**, and **Andrew Fletcher**, the team finished with a record of 10-4-2 overall and 6-1 in the DAC. "Some highlights for me personally were seeing that all the players had improved, as well as maintaining a top-10 pool rating in the state throughout the season," said Valpo Head coach **Danny Jeftich**.

Senior captain **Kovar** offered some advice to younger soccer players and athletes alike. "You had to work hard to increase your chances of success. Never stop working."

Starring



To keep possession of the ball, junior **Jarod Bradley** closes out his opponent.



Senior goalie **Andrew Fletcher** congratulates his opponent after the match.



Senior **Thomas Walsh** works hard to obtain the ball from his Chesterton opponent at the Viking Arena. "Playing sports taught me that hard work really paid off in the end," Walsh said.

In order to get the ball to the feet of another Valpo player, sophomore **Nate Dawson** battles his opponent in order to gain an advantage in heading the ball.



Row 1 (L to R): Jose Apolo, Brendan Sutherland, Caleb Neal, Ryan Miles, Jacob Devine, Riley Owens, Cory Fox

Row 2: Nick Hathoot, Jarod Bradley, Dan Roth, Alex Horb, Steven Gerry, Nate Dawson, Michael Deedrick

Row 3: Manager Conor Cox, Luke Kovar, Erik Schwedland, Joseph Gibson, Bennett Van Schouwen, Manager Kyle Sissell, Manager Matt Yogan

Row 4: Coach Darko Latinovic, Head Coach Danny Jeftich, Jacob Wallace, Andrew Fletcher, Billy Yogan, Thomas Walsh, Coach Scott Bartlett, Coach Ted Cuson



Junior **Steven Fisher** protects the ball from a member of the opposing team.

Junior **Nick Pontrelli** runs down the field.

With a teammate on each side, freshman **Thomas Lyp** advances the ball down field. "My favorite memory from the season was beating Penn after **Caleb Wilson** scored a great header," said Lyp.



Looking determined and working hard to stay focused, junior **Paolo Padilla** races a member of the opposing team to get to the ball and pass it to a teammate.



JV Boy's Soccer Ticket

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Highlights

Led by a few veteran juniors and head coach **Ted Cuson**, the boys' JV soccer team finished the season with 5 wins, 6 losses, and 5 ties in DAC play.

A common theme among teammates was the camaraderie. "My favorite part of being a part of the team was always having teammates there to support me on the field and in class," said freshman **Thomas Lyp**.

Although competitive, school sports were often a way to learn about each other and oneself. It was clear that the team learned many things during the summer.

"Teamwork was the most important thing I've learned from playing sports," said sophomore **Sam Klemz**. "I loved being a part of an excellent program where winning was a tradition."

Starring

Row 1 (L to R): Manager Tucker Anthony, Manager Jack McQuestion, Connor Leverich, Scott Fisher, Brenden Gerig, Manager Jared Mischke

Row 2: Thomas Lyp, Paolo Padilla, Christian Sayers, Elliot Brooks, Alec Rittgers, Caleb Wilson, Nick Pontrelli

Row 3: Brandon Tooley, Abelardo Soriano-Flores, Seth Hughes, Will Weismann, Will Shideler, Aidan Watson, Ryan Shrader

Row 4: Coach Danny Jeftich, Coach Scott Bartlett, Ian Norris, Baker Harris, Steven Fisher, Sam Klemz, Alec Nelson, Head JV Coach Ted Cuson, Coach Darko Latinovic



Varsity Girl's Soccer Ticket

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Highlights

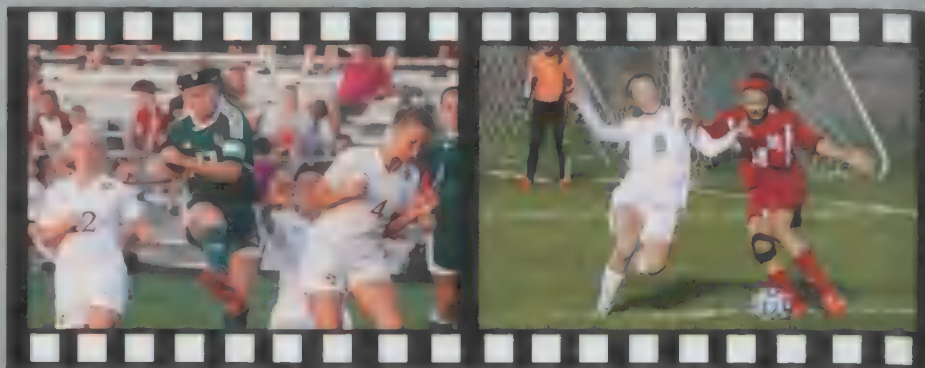
Every year, the Valparaiso varsity girls soccer team kicks off the season with one goal in mind: to have great chemistry with one another on and off the field. Team captains, senior **Lauren Reineke** and junior **Grace Withrow**, led their teammates to a 11-6-2 season. The girls made their coach proud by making history for Valpo girl's soccer.

"The highlight of the season was advancing to the final four semi state finals for the first time," said **Coach Robert Cespedes**.

The outlook for the season was to understand that individual goals being achieved led to team goals being reached.

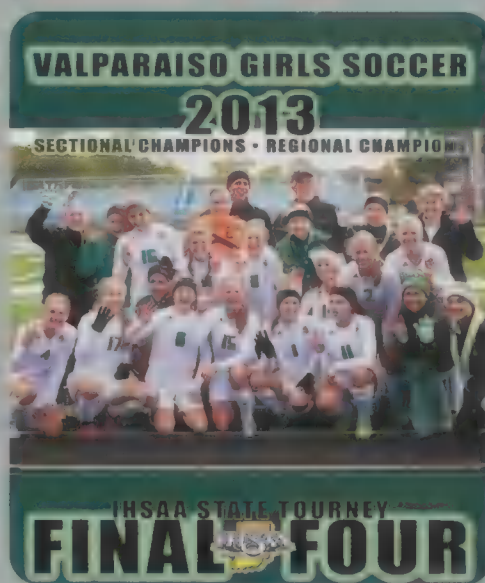
"I would cherish the bonds I made with these girls forever," said **Reineke**.

Starring



Junior captain **Grace Withrow** slams the ball.

Sophomore **Allison Page** blocks a pass.



Senior **Lauren Reineke** takes control of the ball during the game against Michigan City.

The team celebrates after making it to the Final Four in the state tourney. "We worked together in order to succeed," said **Lauren Reineke**.



Row 1 (L to R): Ingrid Wagner, Lexi Ferngren, Lauren Reineke, Grace Withrow, Emma Ferguson
Row 2: Ashley Thomas, Stephanie Sgouroudis, Allison Page, Emily Miltenberger, Kelly Lyp
Row 3: Kylie Leggett, Emily Farmer, Kailey Clapp, Hannah Walsh, Gigi Jarratt, Cameron Holford
Row 4: Coach Laura Nietert, Katelyn Ayers, Rachel Greenawald, Kristina Veljovic, Manager Nicole Isroff, Head Coach Rob Cespedes, Assistant Coach Stewart Cherry



The JV team warms up before the game.

Freshman **Addie Balcerak** moves the ball.

Goal keeper **Allie Miller** soars in the box to stop the opposing team from scoring.



Brooke Isroff and **Addie Balcerak** celebrate after a goal was scored to put Valpo in the lead against LaPorte.



JV Girl's Soccer Ticket

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Highlights

The JV girls soccer team completed their season with a 10-5 record. Sophomores **Maddie Hathoot**, **Erica Acton**, and **Kareen Billetter** were the leaders on and off the field. The teammates had strong bonds with each other through the season.

"They were all good friends even outside of soccer. They really seemed to enjoy playing together," said coach **Stewart Cherry**, who has coached for six years.

Coach **Cherry** also mentioned that the most memorable moment of the season was when sophomore **Brooke Isroff** headed in a goal and put Valpo in the lead. The JV girls soccer team put a lot of work in before their season began and it paid off during their season.

Starring

Row 1 (L to R): Peyton Mahlmann, Veronica Mockus, Allie Miller, Kareen Billetter, Alanna Pelz

Row 2: Reyna Banueias, Maddie Hathoot, Brooke Isroff, Lilian Whited, Addie Balcerak

Row 3: Coach Stewart Cherry, Erica Acton, Hannah Gutenstein, Tori Kolar, Isabel Uzelac, Marissa Cavanaugh



Varsity Boys Tennis Ticket

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Highlights

Many think of tennis as an individual's sport, but teamwork was actually a main component of the game.

"It felt great when I was in a tough match and my teammates would cheer me on," said senior Peter Williams.

This season really helped the teammates connect with each other. "After graduating five seniors, we were able to rebuild a strong team that was second in Conference to Crown Point and to win the sectional for the 18th time in a row," said **Coach Shideler**.

The team ended the season with a record of 14-6, with wins in sectionals against Wheeler and Chesterton.

Starring



Senior **Noah Klumpe** anticipates the ball.

The team bonds before the match.



Smiling, senior **Jared Folke** enjoys himself during the match. "I really enjoyed getting to know my teammates on and off the courts," said **Folke**.

Senior **Trevor Mahlmann** prepares for the ball.



Row 1 (L to R): David Miller, Derek Wappel, Pall Baggett, Jared Folke, Andrew Lehnen
Row 2: Coach Matt Evans, Sonny Roganovich, Noah Klumpe, Max Abraham, Ben Lawson, Trevor Mahlmann, Coach Tim Shideler



Sophomore **Ethan White** returns the ball.

Junior **Juan Gil** uses his backhand shot.

Head Coach **Tim Shideler** prepares the team for action. "They were a very smart group of players that worked hard to overachieve," said **Coach Shideler**.



Getting ready to return, junior **Ethan Pony** waits in position. "My fondest memory from playing this year was seeing how much everyone improved, and how much I improved since last year," said **Pony**.



JV Boys' Tennis Ticket



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Highlights

In life, obstacles need to be overcome. During this season, obstacles included players getting past the cut, improving their game, and keeping their consistency.

"Our most basic goal was to improve throughout the season and keep the upper level JV and lower level varsity at a high level of training and match preparation in case they were called up," said coach **Matt Evans**. "Each season offered a different challenge. It was rewarding to see the program do so well and the boys continue to improve their games," said **Evans**.

The junior varsity team had a record of 17-2. According to Evans, the team had signature wins over Ft. Wayne Canterbury, Culver, Crown Point, and LaPorte.

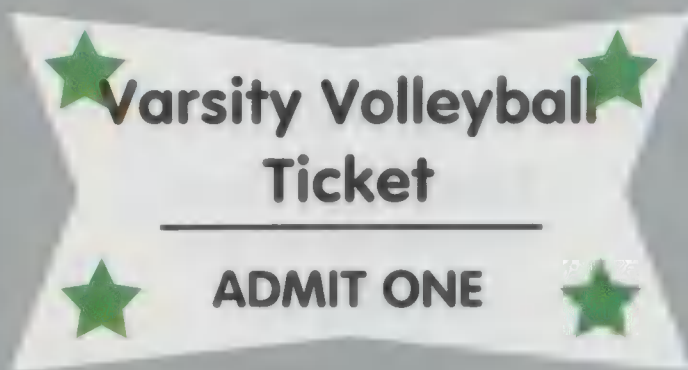
Starring

Row 1 (L to R): Juan Gil, Caleb Owens, Alex Yiankes

Row 2: Matt Janesheski, Jacob Kuiper, Kyle Gil, Ryan Burton, Ben Nielsen

Row 3: Coach Matt Evans, Ethan White, Eric Yiankes, Dominic Davis, Ethan Pony, Colin Flannery, Coach Tim Shideler





Varsity volleyball players gather in a huddle to discuss strategy.

Sophomore **Lauren Mack** returns a spike during a game.

Highlights

"The goals for this season were to work together, improve, win sectionals, and beyond," said head varsity volleyball coach **Katie Lenard**. These goals were achieved in the end; the team got second in the DAC, beat LaPorte two times during conference play and beat Lake Central on the team's senior night. Their record for the season was 21-10.

Despite all their victories, the team faced some challenges this season. "Being a young team and working together as a unit were some of the challenges," said **Coach Katie Lenard**. Aside from this, the team bonded well.

The girls varsity volleyball team was led by team senior captains **Noelle Eveland**, **Anna Walls**, and junior **Kate Bontrager**.



Members of the varsity volleyball team celebrate after a point won during the game.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Lauren Mack, Kate Bontrager, Rachel Bontrager, Morgan Mikenas, Noelle Eveland, Anna Walls
Row 2: Elizabeth Rivich, Assistant Coach Heather Treece, Timi Stiscak, Monroe Olsen, Anne Clark, Dani Suiter, Head Coach Katie Lenard



1. Sophomore **Lauren Mack** runs to save the ball.
2. Celebrating after a point, juniors **Kate Bontrager** and **Timi Stiscak** show off their smiles.
3. Senior **Anna Walls** concentrates on passing the ball.
4. Concentrating on serving the ball, sophomore **Anne Clark** extends her arm to make contact.
5. Freshman **Monroe Olsen** and junior **Timi Stiscak** make an attempt to save the ball.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about playing volleyball?

Answer: My favorite part was how excited we got afterwards.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: I liked playing with my sister.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: My role model was Kerri Walsh who was partners with Misty Mae Trainer for beach volleyball Olympics.

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: Everything isn't about you; it's about your teammates.

Q: What is your favorite thing about your team?

A: My favorite thing about this team was how close we were, and how much we trusted each other on and off the court.

Kate Bontrager



JV Volleyball Ticket

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Highlights

"Our biggest challenge was being content with our level of play. We had the ability to be extraordinary but would be content playing down to our competitor's level," said **coach Jim Kaufman**. "I truly enjoyed the girls' eagerness to learn."

Sophomore **Katie Smith** said that the best memory she had from playing this year was when the team beat Lake Central. "Lake Central had gone undefeated all season and then we had beaten them to beat that streak," said **Smith**.

The junior varsity team finished the season with a 23-9 record. The girls also defeated Munster in the final tournament of the year.

Starring



Sophomore **Malerie Mech** and freshman **Abby Arnold** work together to block the net.

Sophomores **Malerie Mech** and **Rachel Wilburn** consult with Coach Jim Kaufman.



Sophomore **Rachel Wilburn** returns the ball during a warm-up activity in the VHS gymnasium.

Freshman **Makayla Ferrari** spikes the ball over the net.



Row 1 (L to R): Katie Smith, Sami Cavanaugh, Natalie Gruszka, Adoree Bowgren, Brooke Smith
Row 2: Maddie Karp, Makayla Ferrari, Abby Arnold, Coach Jim Kaufman, Malerie Mech, Rachel Wilburn



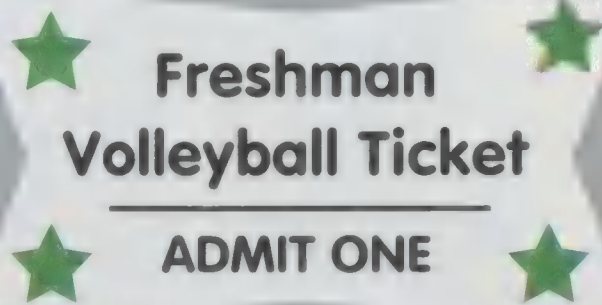
Freshman **Aubry Collins** attempts to grab the ball as she runs across the court.

Freshman **McKenna Fuerst** lunges to spike the ball, surrounded by her teammates.

Freshman **Lauren Ball** makes a leap into the air to spike the ball over the net.



The freshman volleyball team huddles during the game to prepare.



Highlights

Coach Michelle Salomon had a few goals for the freshman volleyball team. "I wanted for each player to improve their individual volleyball skills and knowledge and the overall team to develop their potential in all aspects of volleyball," she said.

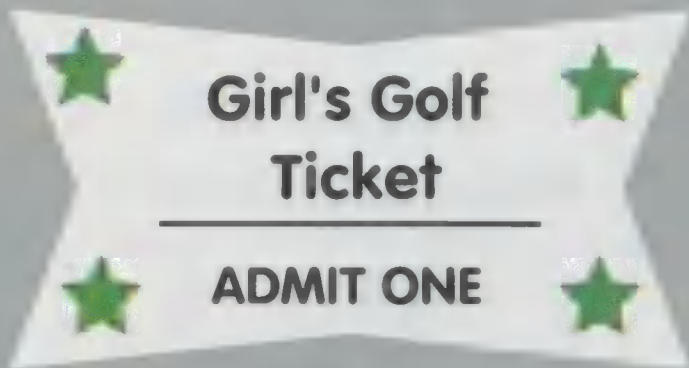
The team's record this season was 10-2 at the DAC and 23-7 overall. The highlights of the season, according to **Coach Salomon**, were winning the Valpo Freshman Tournament and defeating Lake Central at the Lake Central Invite and in the last DAC match.

Madison Tarry said the biggest obstacle she had to overcome was getting the dive down but she was pleased that she had mastered it by the season's end.

Starring

Row 1 (L to R):
Madison Tarry,
Kylee Wahl,
McKenna Fuerst,
Danielle Angert,
Carrollynn Sharp,
Aubry Collins
Row 2: Coach
Michelle
Salomon, Lauren
Ball, Sydney Hite,
Kayla Leverich,
Haley Moon





Junior **Brooke Fullenkamp** begins her swing.

Junior **Lauren Caputo** prepares to putt the ball.

Highlights

"My favorite part about playing golf was the feeling of accomplishment I received when I hit a good shot," said team captain **Harley Dubskey**. She had no idea that her favorite part of playing the game would be so telling.

Not only did **Dubskey** have a personally impressive record for the year, but the team as a whole played a phenomenal game.

Ending their season with an overall record of 9-0 and a DAC record of 7-0, the Valparaiso girls' golf team had an astounding season.

"This year's team was very talented. The girls won the DAC Tournament and regular season, sectional, regionals, and qualified for state finishing 9th. Our team had our first Individual State Champion in Harley Dubskey," said **Head Coach Bill Miller**.

After waking up early for several trip events, practicing as much as they could, and winning four invitationals, the girls golf team set new team records.



Seniors **Peyton Freestone** and **Harley Dubskey** enjoy a moment on the course.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Lauren Caputo, Peyton Freestone, Elise Lee, Natalie Fadell

Row 2: Head Coach Bill Miller, Brooke Fullenkamp, Jennifer Gough, Lindsey Deboer, Makenzie D'Elia, Assistant Coach John Gutierrez, not pictured: Harley Dubskey



1. Freshman **Natalie Fadell** gets words of encouragement from a teammate regarding her next shot.
2. Following her shot, junior **Lindsey DeBoer** waits to see the location of her golf ball. "The best part of playing golf was a great shot. Once that happened in a round, it made you work and fight for the next fabulous shot," said DeBoer.
3. Senior **Peyton Freestone** gets ready to putt the ball. "The most memorable part of the season was winning the DAC title that was not won in seven years," said Freestone.
4. Freshman **Elise Lee** receives a pointer from Coach Gutierrez.
5. Taking a full swing, junior **Jennifer Gough** completes her shot. "What kept me motivated during a rough round was that I knew I would still come back to a very supportive team," said Gough.

Featuring

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: "All of the crazy bus rides, and a teammate falling down a hill and faceplanting."

Q: Who is your role model?

A: "My brother Jamison, because of his strength and dedication."

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: "Hard work, having even strength, and determination, even through the bad times."

Q: What is your favorite thing about being part of the team?

A: "All of our different personalities coming together and creating one crazy and amazing group of girls! I love them all!"

Q: What is your favorite part about playing golf?

A: "My favorite part about playing golf is the feeling of accomplishment I get when I hit a good shot."

Harley Dubsky



Varsity Boy's Basketball Ticket

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Highlights

The boy's varsity basketball team finished with a record of 12-9.

Memorable moments of the season included beating Elkhart Memorial and defeating Munster on *Meet The Vikes* night. In addition, one of the most dramatic moments from the season included senior Justin Osburn hitting a last second shot to win the game against Crown Point.

The Vikings were led by **Coach Matt Thomas** who made his debut this season as the varsity coach. "The best part of coaching was seeing all twelve individuals become one team," said **Thomas**.

"My favorite thing about being a part of the team was the guys and how close we were as a family," said sophomore **Conner TenHove**.



The Vikings get in position to receive the ball after the tip off.

Head Coach Matt Thomas talks to his team during a timeout.



Before the start of their game, the varsity team huddles together.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Andrew Mears, Josh Mears, Devon Brownson, Zac Bauer, Justin Osburn
Row 2: Head Coach Matt Thomas, Brandon Nicholas, Conner TenHove, Matt Hoyert, Cole Wolf, Alex Healy, Coach Brent Kimmel
Row 3: Coach Ben Lieske, Steve Helm, Drew Paul, Mitch Wszolek, Max Jindra, Coach Nick Allison



1. After coming out of the game, junior **Drew Paul** gives his teammates on the bench high fives after a successful play. "The most important thing I've learned from playing sports was that the little things are the big things," said **Paul**.
2. During an in-bound play, junior **Brandon Nicholas** tries to find an open teammate from the sideline.
3. After a good play by the Vikings, fellow teammates stand up and cheer from the bench.
4. Going up against a defender, sophomore **Conner TenHove** battles for a basket.
5. Junior **Cole Wolf** looks down the court to find another Valpo player in order to pass the ball.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about playing basketball?

Answer: My favorite part about playing basketball was spending time with my teammates while playing the game that I love.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: My favorite memory from this season was beating Munster on Meet The Vikes night.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: My brother is my role model.

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: The most important thing I've learned from playing sports was how to be a better leader and role model.

Q: What is your favorite sport movie?

A: *Semi-pro*

Justin Osburn



JV Boy's Basketball Ticket

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Highlights

The junior varsity boy's basketball team worked hard during the season to reach success. Led by coach **Ben Lieske** and a sophomore-heavy crew of players, the team achieved a record of 17 - 3 overall and were 4-3 in the DAC.

"Our players cared about each other so much, and they put in hard work every day," said **Lieske**. "I got to help young men develop into better people and players."

The junior varsity team played their games on Friday nights before the varsity team.

Sophomore **Jack Clark** recognized his special team. "Our team was a hustle team and everyone was set on doing their best throughout the year," said **Clark**.

Sophomores **Baker Harris** and **Bryce Crook** wait to sub into the game.

Coach **Ben Lieske** draws up a play during a timeout in the Viking Gymnasium.



Sophomore **Evan Walls** makes a strong move as he tries to get around his Penn defender during the game in Viking Gymnasium.

Displaying his athleticism, freshman **Jay Bisacky** slaps the backboard and finishes with a strong layup. "When I played basketball, I just enjoyed playing and competing," said **Bisacky**.



Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Tony Kloss, Steve Helm, Manager Josh Mears, Manager Zac Bauer, Bryce Crook, Evan Walls

Row 2: Jack Clark, Baker Harris, Jay Bisacky, Coach Ben Lieske, Dimitrije Simic, John Gast, Logan Meeter



The team circles around coach **Casey McKim** during a timeout versus Chesterton.

Zach Anselm attempts a three-pointer.

Looking back to check for defenders, **Trace Ramsey** jumps to grab a rebound. "My favorite part about basketball was playing and practicing with my team and winning games together," said **Ramsey**.



Connor Wolf dribbles the ball past a Chesterton opponent. "I loved my team because we always came together, even when we were challenged," said Wolf.

Freshman Boy's Basketball Ticket

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Highlights

The freshman boy's basketball team served as the building ground for aspiring future varsity players. Under the eye of coach **Casey McKim**, the players worked hard to solidify skills and improve in order to climb the ranks of the Valparaiso Basketball system.

The team topped off the season with a record of 12-8.

"The most memorable moment of the season was playing against Michigan City the second time and seeing the incredible improvement we had made," said **McKim**.

Since finishing their season, the team set new goals for themselves.

"My goals for the future were to make the varsity team and to win state one day," said **Derek Lasky**.

Starring

Row 1 (L to R): Jack Shoemaker, Kyle Gil, Josh Hamer, Matt Koebecke, Adrian Casaday, Patrick Kelly

Row 2: Zach Anselm, Trace Ramsey, Michael Mann, Manager Dylan Pero, Derek Lasky, Nathan Tuft, Nathan Davis

Row 3: Coach Casey McKim, Brandon Gehrig, Lucas Schultz, Carson Krutz, Connor Wolf, Zach Jones, Coach Mike Walker



Varsity Girl's Basketball Ticket

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The team receives a pep talk from **Head Coach Joe Otis** before the game.

The varsity girls are introduced before the game begins.

Highlights

During the 2013-2014 season, the Lady Vikes showed improvement from previous seasons. The team finished with a 9-11 overall record and a 2-5 DAC record. **Head Coach Joe Otis** spent his fortieth year of coaching as the new varsity girl's team coach.

"My favorite part of coaching was the challenge. My goal was to better the team every year and make as much progress as possible," said Otis.

Team captains for the season were **Grace Withrow**, **Stephanie Parker**, and **Kristina Veljovic**.

"I loved how much teamwork was involved in basketball. Everyone really worked together to be successful," said junior **Nicole Chiabai**.

Otis also said that the girls got along very well during the season.



Stephanie Parker goes for a layup during the game against Munster.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Alissa Anselm, Manager
Marisa Miller, Maggie Meyer, Manager Gabby Bengs, Grace Withrow
Row 2: Olivia Murray, Lexi Ferngren, Rylie Vaughan, Lauren Caputo, Heather Fetla, Nicole Chiabai
Row 3: Coach Jack Gabor, Coach Candy Wilson, Kayla Gates, Stephanie Parker, Kristina Veljovic, Shelby Lemmon, Head Coach Joe Otis



1. After getting fouled by the opponent, junior **Kayla Gates** goes to the free throw line to shoot two baskets.
2. **Heather Fetla** keeps a handle on the ball and dribbles around her opponent.
3. **Nicole Chiabai** focuses intently before shooting a free throw. "Beating Munster was the best part of the season because it was the best game we played and it was 'Meet the Vikes' night," said **Chiabai**.
4. Keeping a handle on the ball, junior **Maggie Meyer** dribbles away from the opposing team.
5. Senior **Kristina Veljovic** spins the ball on her finger while warming up for the game against Munster.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about playing basketball?

Answer: "It is a team sport. Knowing I'm not the only one out there gives me the heart and desire to do great for my teammates."

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: "Making a 3 point buzzer beater in double overtime to seal the win over Hamilton Southeastern."

Q: Who is your role model?

A: "Michael Jordan."

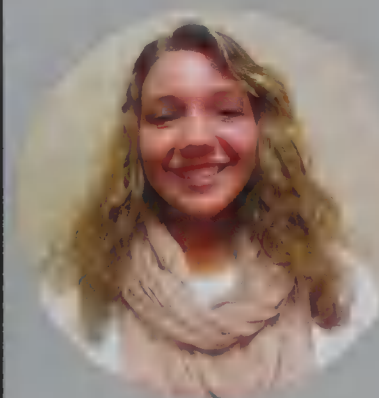
Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: "To always hold your chin high and never give up. Continue to push yourself and others to be the best player and person you can be."

Q: What is your favorite sport movie?

A: "Love & Basketball and Space Jam."

Kristina Veljovic



JV Girl's Basketball Ticket

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Highlights

With an overall record of 14-3, the 2014 junior varsity team was able to achieve many goals and finished with a 6-1 conference record.

"I loved spending time with my players. I really enjoyed the relationships I developed with the girls," said **Coach Candy Wilson** who has been coaching for twenty years but was new to Valpo this season.

Team captains included **Tina Matavulj**, **Shelby Lemmon**, and **Cassie Bengs**.

"Our team became a second family to me and we all got along so well with one another," stated sophomore, **Andi Long**.

Coach Wilson also said that the team had many strong leaders,



Head Coach Candy Wilson speaks to the girls JV team.

After being fouled, **Katelyn Hagen** shoots a freethrow.



During the second quarter of the Munster game, sophomore **Andi Long** holds the ball away from the opposing team as she looks for a fellow player in order to complete a pass.

Junior **Tina Matavulj** searches for a teammate in order to avoid turning over the ball.



Starring



Row 1 (L to R):
Manager Gabby Bengs, Andi Long, Bella Gonzales, Cassie Bengs, Margaret Nagai, Manager Marisa Miller

Row 2: Coach Candy Wilson, Olivia Murray, Tina Matavulj, Katelyn Hagen, Shelby Lemmon, Meredith Hite, Rylie Vaughan



Head Coach Nick Slater talks to the freshman girls team during the game.

Michaela Leverich pivots away from her opponent.

Dribbling down court, freshman **Suzanne Neumeier** focuses on passing to an open Viking teammate.



Freshman **Kenzie Peddle** gains control of the ball. "I loved all of the competitiveness of the game and of course all of the memories you made with your team," said **Peddle**.

★ Freshman Girl's ★ Basketball Ticket

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Highlights

The freshman girls team had a very successful season. They finished with a 17-3 overall record and reigned as the DAC champions.

"I really enjoyed seeing all of the girls improve their skills," said **Head Coach Nick Slater** who has been coaching the freshman girls for four years.

"The whole team was crazy. I cherished every memory I made with this team and looked forward to the next few years that I would be playing with them," said freshman team leader **Kenzie Peddle**.

"My favorite thing about this team was that I always had someone to talk to if I needed it. I really loved this team," **Suzanne Neumeier** said.

Starring

Row 1 (L to R): Liz Barrasas, Manager
Emily Ditto, Katie Nagai

Row 2: Kenzie Peddle, Maddie Karp, Suzanne Neumeier, Erin Barrasas, Barbie Blank

Row 3: Lexi Lahey, Lilly O'Connor, Coach Nick Slater, Michaela Leverich, Hannah Nolan



Boy's Swimming & Diving Ticket

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Members of the team stand together during the National Anthem before the meet.

Senior **Adam Sandberg** comes up for a breath during his race.

Highlights

The Boys' Swimming and Diving team captured the attention of onlookers this season with their athleticism, successful meets and grueling practices. Finishing with a record of 9-5, head coach **Adam Nellessen** was pleased with his team. "They were such hardworkers and they knew when they needed to be serious and really concentrate. The boys were fun to be around," said **Nellessen**.

The boys also excelled in the post-season. At the state meet, they broke 4 school records as a team. **Adam Sandberg** attributed the success of the team to the atmosphere in the locker room and the chemistry between teammates.

"The atmosphere of the Valpo swim team was unbeatable. We were all friends, which made it a lot easier to work hard," said **Sandberg**.



Sophomore **Darian Low** swims the breaststroke event.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Thomas Lyp, Isaiah Parrish, Maxwell Keating, Timothy Blue, Kevin Mangel, Jerritt Covington, Theodore Tripodis, Harry Douglas-Arnold

Row 2: Manager Riley Sunday, Ryan Bledsoe, Thomas Jarratt, Darian Low, Noah Bennett, Austin Taber, Naoki Morita, Corydon Caldwell, Nicholas Schwartz, Manager Emilee Wilson

Row 3: Joshua Schlichting, Will Allen, Adam Sandberg, Nathan Courtaney, Andrew Antonetti, Alex Rastovski, Rainer Neis

Row 4: Christian Karcher, Camden Davison, Assistant Coach Allison Walker, Assistant Diving Coach Eric Jetmund, Diving Coach Scott Valpatic, Head Coach Adam Nellessen, Joel Uban, Trevor Mahlmann



1. Where every second counts, junior **Alex Rastovski** attempts to improve his time.
2. Junior **Camden Davison** prepares to adjust his body for the dive.
3. Sophomore **Nick Schwartz** extends and keeps his body straight to complete the dive.
4. With perfect form, junior **Rainer Neis** swims the butterfly stroke.
5. Freshman **Ryan Bledsoe** prepares to complete his dive.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about swimming?

Answer: "Putting in hard work and seeing it pay off at the end of the season."

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: "Senior night and the meet against Portage!"

Q: Who is your role model?

A: "My dad. He's always been an inspiration."

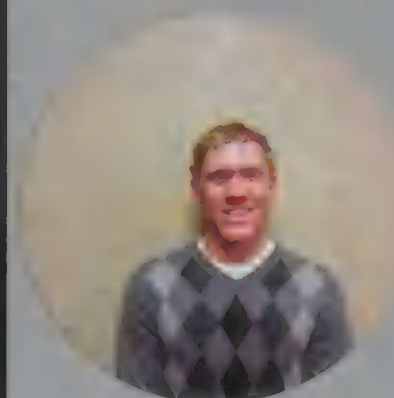
Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: "The harder you work, the greater the reward!"

Q: What is your favorite sport movie?

A: "Rudy!"

Kevin Mangel



★ Girl's Swimming & Diving Ticket ★

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The team prepares for the start of the race.

Junior **Taylor McBride** demonstrates perfect form during her dive.

Highlights

The girls on Valparaiso High School's swimming and diving team enjoyed doing what many saw only as a grueling work out. Team captain **Kami Kleefisch** was proud of her fellow swimmers. "Nothing could stand in the way of their goals," she said.

The swimmers faced many challenges over the course of the season. "Early on in the season we - as a team - faced the challenge of really putting in the effort and trying our hardest in practice," said senior **Natalie Lichtenberger**. "We overcame this challenge by motivating each other to do well and kept pushing through practice."

The team finished the season with a record of 7-6.



The team stands together while "The Star Spangled Banner" is played at the beginning of the meet.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Carissa Steele, Taylor McBride, Megan Price, Eric Jetmund, Scott Valpatic, Pete Sattler, Marisa Johnson, Sophie Lutz
Row 2: Shannon Brown, Mary Cobble, Annie Rastovski, Erin Delahunty, Meara Keen, Victoria Kolar, Madison Simac
Row 3: Lauren Marciniak, Lindsey Nigro, Allison Drever, Bailey Henderlong, Chelsea Griffith, Lauren Griffith, Allison Poole, Vanessa Delgado
Row 4: Kami Kleefisch, Abigail Zombik, Natalie Lichtenberger, Elizabeth Schlichting, McKenna Haynes, Gabryele Brzycki, Peyton Mahlmann, Emily Miltenberger



1. Junior **Taylor McBride** completes her dive.
2. Swimming the freestyle stroke, **Taylor McBride** races for a competitive time.
3. **Taylor McBride**, junior, takes a moment to focus before diving off the board.
4. Junior **Allison Poole** sets herself up in position to complete the dive.
5. Junior **Meara Keen**, sophomore **Annie Rastovski**, freshman **Maddie Simac** wait at the wall before beginning their race.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about swimming?

Answer: My favorite thing about swimming is spending time with the girls. They're my second family.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: In general, my favorite part of the season was going to meets and not only seeing myself improve, but seeing my teammates greatly improve, as well.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: My mom is definitely my role model.

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: I learned so many life skills in just four years, but the most important thing I learned was that you can accomplish your goals in any aspect of your life when you work and set your mind to it.

Q: What is your favorite sport movie?

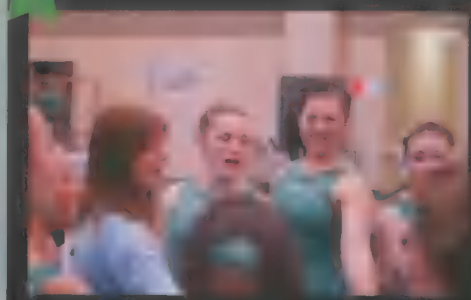
A: Definitely *Remember the Titans*

Vanessa Delgado



Gymnastics Ticket

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Coach **Lorie Cook**, junior **Emily Lynch**, and sophomore **Jenna Roganovich** join in a team huddle.



Junior **Hanna Wilson** completes a cast into a release on the bars.

Highlights...

Valparaiso High School's gymnastics team continued their tradition of excellence by winning a tenth state title.

"State was an unbelievable way to finish the season by competing as well under pressure as the team had done all year," said head coach **Lorie Cook**.

"I joined gymnastics because I wanted to be a part of such a great team," said junior **Cylie Miller**.

The highlights of the season according to Cook included the Merrillville dual meet which completed an undefeated regular season, regionals, and the fire truck ride after winning state.

Sophomore **Brittany Marchetti** agreed with her coach. "It felt good to finish what we had started last year and it felt good to redeem ourselves," said Marchetti.



The gymnastics team does their salute during the awards at the end of the meet.

Starring...



Row 1: (L to R) Lia Milroy, Delaney Baldwin, Caroline Miller, Brittany Marchetti, Lexi Sissell, Alex Walters, Sydney Intagliata
Row 2: Sara Lynch, Hanna Wilson, Brooke McKeon, Tayla Kobitz, Loren Eichelberger, Emily Lynch
Row 3: Cylie Miller, Jenna Roganovich, Julia Manion, Kimberly Clausen, Rushelle Miller



1. Sophomore **Sydney Intagliata** does her dance routine on the floor.
2. **Kimberly Clausen**, junior, masters her routine on the beam.
3. Junior **Cylie Miller** prepares to do a kip on the bar.
4. **Sara Lynch**, freshman, watches her balance as she completes her dance routine on the beam.
5. Junior **Hanna Wilson** stretches her arms out as she does a "camel jump" on the beam.

Featuring...

What did you enjoy about the gymnastics team?
 I love the team aspect of gymnastics. All the girls are so close. It is like one big family.

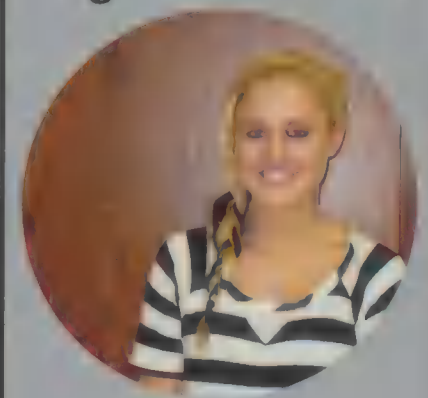
What is your favorite memory from the season?
 My favorite memory is the energy in the gym when someone gets a new skill. It is like a chain reaction.

Which meet was your favorite and why?
 The Portage meet was my favorite because they won state last year so they were a lot of competition in the gym.

How did you get yourself motivated for a meet?
 I get motivated by the other girls. We have our get togethers and we know we want to win so we motivate each other.

What were some challenges you faced this season?
 I sprained my back this year and I am just now getting back into it.

Tayla Kobitz



Varsity Wrestling Ticket

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Highlights

Led by team captains **Ricardo Rosario**, **George Krummel**, **Elliot Granados** and **Derrick Suttles**, the VHS wrestling team finished their season with a 16-10 record. They were 4th in the DAC.

Coach **Mark Line** was pleased with his team. "The team worked hard with one another and pushed each other to bring Viking wrestling to a higher level of success and expectations," said Line.

Highlights of the season according to Line were having six wrestlers qualify for semi-state. In addition, **Tristan Dembowski** qualified for state.

According to Line, Austin Line, Dembowski, Granados and Suttles had 30 plus wins for the Vikings.

Starring



Junior **Jared Rafferty** gets his opponent in a snap down go behind.



Antonio Noel works to finish a double leg take down.



Johnny Steiner works on an offensive move where he attempts to break his opponent down.

During the match, junior **Ian Suttles** takes on his opponent with a hand fighting motion. The goal was to take down his opponent.

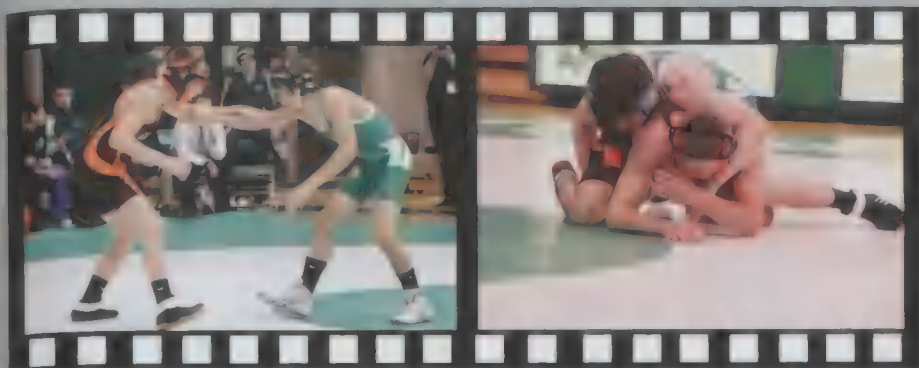


Row 1: (L to R) Sean Galipeau, Tristan Dembowski, Austin Line, Chris Gallo, Jacob Cummins

Row 2: Victorica Flores, Ricardo Rosario, Jonathan Steiner, Tyler Hodge, Jared Rafferty, Lauren Platt

Row 3: Rebecca Riley, Derrick Suttles, George Krummel, Angelo Madrigal, Courtney Smith

Row 4: Elliot Granados, Ian Suttles, Coach Josh Rowinski, Coach Mark Line, Jake Plesac, Austin Garbison



Nick Krenz sets up to take down his opponent.

Jared Rafferty puts his rival into a cross face cradle in an attempt to pin him.

Freshman **Evan Cowan** takes the win for his match in the 106 pound weight class.



Mike Lichtenberger reaches at his rival as he attempts a takedown.

JV Wrestling Ticket

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Highlights

The JV wrestling team finished with a record of 6-2 overall. They made many great strides during the season.

Coach Josh Rowinski said that his team overcame all internal and external conflicts that they faced.

"A few wrestlers were ineligible towards the beginning of the season, and we had to boost general morale," said Coach **Rowinski**.

Some highlights of the JV season were beating Crown Point and Lake Central. The meet that Coach Rowinski appreciated the most was their meet against Chesterton, where the two teams were very close until the end, but Valpo took home a victory.

Starring

Row 1: (L to R) Sarah Cuevas, Mike Yallourakis, Greg Lichtenberger, Alejandro Rivera, Caleb Blanchard, Gianni Pupillo, Tevin Jordan
Row 2(L-R) Amyla Wooden, Johnathan Tomas, Jake Labelle, Billy Baldwin, Mike Lichtenberger, Jarett Bravo,
Row 3 (L-R) Alexandra Jansen, Tyler Clark, Robert Kreloff, Miguel Suarez, Antonio Noel, Nate Emery
Row 4 (L to R) Brad Rafferty, Matt Klemm, Isaiah Ruiz, Evan Cowan, Andrew Moen, Nick Krenz
Row 5 (L to R) Ozell Johnson, Clinton Welton, Coach Jake Pleasac, Coach Mark Line, Coach Josh Rowinski, Ed Howe, Patrick Olson



Boy's Track Ticket

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Junior **Zachary Kroll** races past a Lake Central runner.

Coach Prow shows sophomore **Dylan Johnson** his new time.

Highlights

Being an active member of track at Valparaiso High School took a lot of personal time, strength, and endurance. "Practices were Monday through Thursday," said senior **Connor Ritzi**. "We ran anywhere from five to thirteen miles year-round in rain, snow, or shine."

The coaches worked hard to make a positive influence on the boys. "We stressed the importance of setting goals and working hard to achieve those goals," said **Coach Brett Polizotto**. "We also focused on improving with each competition."

The year's final record reflected the team's determination with a solid 26-3. The VHS Boys' track team also won the titles of West Lafayette Relays Champions, Valpo Relays Champions, and Sectional Champions. They were also DAC indoor and outdoor runner ups.

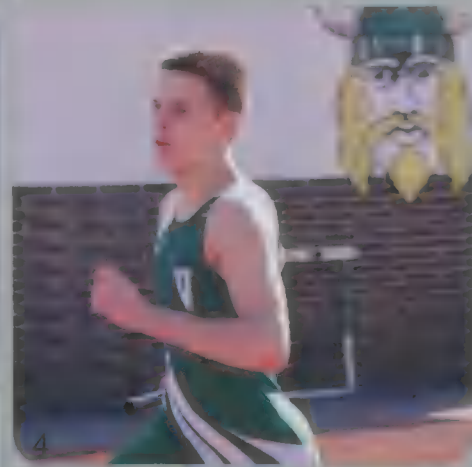
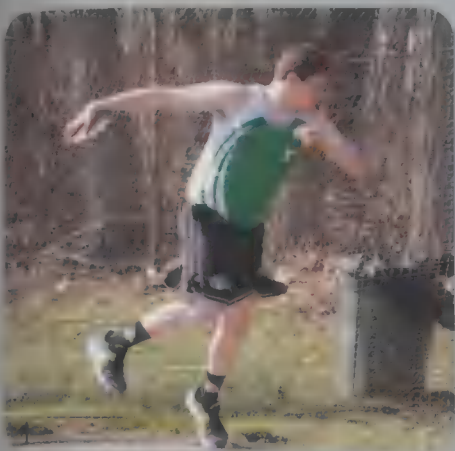


Displaying perfect form, sophomore **Ben Staples** leaps over the hurdle.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Adam Foust, Ricardo Rosario, Adam Miller, Aaron Miller, Darian Low, Joe Carbello, Sean Curtis, Devin Jaremczuk, Chad Timmons, Joe Warner, Chris Pease, Garet Paul, Nick Schwartz, Austin Line, Brandon Tooley
Row 2: Jacob Stewart, Tyler Curtis, Jared Mischke, Deveon Williams, Thomas Lyp, Jonathan Zygmunt, Elvin Uthuppan, Sam Malloy, Ben Timpe, Marc Collins, Oliver Hoew, Josh Runyan, Hunter Blanchard, Ryan McDonald
Row 3: Anthony Castanon, Drew Finley, Alex Horb, John Buggeln, Corey Sanders, Steven Gerry, Kevin Mangel, Isaac Beschinski, Ben Lawson, Zach Kroll, Corey Alfredson, Andrew Jankowski, Chuck Vamos, Max Jobbe
Row 4: Evan Cowan, DeMonte Price, Jerry Perez, Nick Sobbe, Dayo Ogundipe, Aaron Fonseca, Joel Suchak, Dylan Johnson, Courtlin Kelly, Gabe Brewer, Carter Mitchell, Ethan McChristian, Isaiah Smith, Aaron Finley, Daniel Dalton
Row 5: Travis Sperry-Allison, Louis Greanias, Jacob Chapman, Will Marischen, Kevin Mangel, Connor Rhein, Bryce Bartolomeo, Liam McGrath, Ben Staples, Michael Girman, Jack Feltgen, Logan Stewart, Trevor Hamill, Bob Schenck, Nathan Mathews, Paul Nelson
Row 6: Andrew Guzek, Ed Howe, Jack Gabrish, Jake Bryan, Josh Schlichting, Sam Nowosed, John Nowosed, Alec Kessler, Anfernee Tyler, Drew Paul, Drake Barton, Logan Meeter, Kenton Greene, Eddie Guess
Row 7: Sydney Clark, Coach Mike Prow, Coach Brett Polizotto, Coach Frank Nimeth, Coach Matt Snoeyink, Coach Dan Jones, Coach Matt Hefner, Sam Hovanec



1. Sophomore **John Nowosad** winds up to toss the shotput.
2. With eyes on the finish line, senior **Kevin Hickey** runs down the track.
3. Suspended in the air, freshman **Devin Jaremczuk** reaches great heights while pole vaulting.
4. Senior **Kenton Greene** races down the track. "I really enjoyed getting closer to the guys on the team," said **Greene**. "We liked working together to improve."
5. Junior **Anthony Castanon** begins to throw the shotput.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about track?

Answer: "My favorite part was working with both teammates and friends for a common goal: to train harder, run faster, and compete better."

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: "Running both the mile and two mile before finishing with the 4x400 meter relay, along with two other seniors that did the same. We finished dead last, but laughed about it afterwards."

Q: Who is your role model?

A: "Steve Profontaine and Kenton Greene are my role models."

Q: What is the most important lesson you have learned?

A: "Playing sports has taught me how to deal with failure. No one is perfect, so you are bound to fail at some point. But, with the right attitude and a supportive team, you can easily pick yourself up and get ready to try again."

Q: What is your favorite sport movie?

A: "Either *Blades of Glory* or *Dodgeball*."

Drew Finley



Girls' Track Ticket

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Sophomore **Alex Jacobs** arches her back as she clears the pole.

Junior **Mackenzie Canavan** stretches as she prepares to clear a pole.

Highlights

"My favorite thing about track was making friends with the opponents at meets and going to the meets in general. It was a lot of fun," said senior **Anna Walls**.

The girls placed second in sectionals and 10th in the regional. They also achieved third place status in the DAC. Their season record was 4-2.

Alison Mundell competed in the state meet where she placed 20th in the 3200 meter run.

Despite the hard work, the girls enjoyed spending time together. "My favorite thing about track was getting to know all the girls and coaches," said **Colette Collins**. "I've learned from playing sports that every person on the team is important."



Members of the girls' track team warm up before an event.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Madison Buyer, Aaliyah Millikin, Sara Lynch, Brooke Isroff, Dani Thome, Maggie Welsh, Sami Cavanaugh, Corrine Ackenhuse, Rachel Reilly, Kailey Clapp, Sydney Nosbusch, Margaret Vail
Row 2: Abigail Zombik, Jessica Huizar, Jaylyn Gaul, Erin Shaw, Sara Eichmeier, Shelby Kucharski, Aubrey Collins, Ingrid Wagner, Kyla Benford, Alex Jacobs, Gabrielle Brown, Alissa Anselm
Row 3: Julia Rohde, Aleksa Reed, Elizabeth Brown, Nicole Huth, Heather Fetta, Caira Walker, Kelly Lyp, Natalie Gruszka, Lexie Ferngren, Ellie Joll, Maricruz Escobedo, Ariel Butler, Mackenzie Canavan
Row 4: Emily Johnson, Chloe Williams, Claire Brennecke, Meliza Delgado, Carissa Stelle, Rosy Delgado, Vachara Johnson, Colette Collins, Alison Mundell, Anna Walls, Alena Tonne, Samantha Van Dam
Row 5: Destinee Losey, Princess Daniels-Porter, Tina Matavulj, Tori Kolar, Shelby Lemmon, Nicole Chiabai, Malerie Mech, Gill Johnson, Timmyka Ballard, Hannah Nolan, Olivia Murray, Jayde Berdovich
Row 6: Riley Sunday, Paige Williams, Allie Goodpaster, Mike Walker, Adam Nellessen, Lauren Hardesty, Leo Vanlaan, Michaela Gazdich, Taylor Kovats



1. Senior **Colette Collins** adjusts the pole for the high jump.
2. Junior **Gabrielle Brown** hands off the baton to **Colette Collins** in the 4X4 relay.
3. Sophomore **Natalia Gruszka** completes the 4X8 relay race.
4. Junior **Kelly Lyp** warms up before her race.
5. **Coach Adam Nellessen** instructs the girls track team during a break at one of their meets.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about track?

Answer: Getting to know all the girls and coaches.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: Spending every day with Mr. Van Laan.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: Gigi Jarratt and Lolo Jones

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from participating in sports?

A: Every person on the team is important. From the managers to the bus drivers, each and every person is important on a team.

Q: What is your favorite sports movie?

A: *The Mighty Ducks*

Colette Collins



★Varsity Baseball★ Ticket

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The varsity team comes together before the start of the game.

Head Coach Dave Coyle talks to junior Justin Duty.

Highlights

With captains **Jack Andrie** and **Sam Miller** leading, the 2014 varsity baseball team finished their season with a 14-12 record. Their DAC record for the season was 6-8.

"I played for twelve years and my favorite part was hanging out with my friends at practice and getting better at the same time," said senior short stop **Andrew Page**.

Every team faces challenges. Head coach of four years, **Dave Coyle**, said, "Challenges were what you made of them. We were able to turn most of ours into fixable situations."

"The highlight of our season was turning an apparent dismal season into a winning season winning 8 out of 10 of our last baseball games," said Coyle.



Alfsonso Casady follows through on a pitch to his opponent.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R):

Manager Monica Richel, Joe Pimentel, Kyle Miller, Sam Miller, Andrew Page, Jeremy Post, Jared Folke

Row 2: Manager Katie Mulroe, Austin Ford, Kyle Miller, Michael Jindra, Ryan Wexelberg, Alfsonso Casady, Manager Lauren Wong

Row 3: Coach Chad Evans, Elliot Granados, Tyler Ellrich, Justin Duty, Jack Andrie, Coach Todd Evans, Head Coach Dave Coyle



1. Senior captain **Jack Andrie** slides off of first base to catch a ground ball. "My favorite part about playing baseball was the bus rides home after we won," said **Andrie**.
2. **Kyle Miller**, senior, flashes a smile as he prepares to lead off first base.
3. Junior **Tyler Ellrich** swings at a fast pitch. "I've played for seven years and the best part was being able to play with all of my best friends," said **Ellrich**.
4. **Sam Miller**, junior captain, remains in the catcher's stance during the game.
5. Senior short stop **Andrew Page** bounces off the ground to catch a ball. "I've been playing for twelve years and I loved the sport. Forming friendships with my teammates was the best part," said **Page**.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about playing baseball?

Answer: I enjoyed being a part of a team and the challenges presented during the season.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: Going on a winning streak right after team bonding.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: Victor Oladipa because of his determination and outstanding work ethic.

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: Hard work pays off!

Q: What is your favorite sport movie?

A: *Rookie of the Year*

Jared Folke



JV Baseball Ticket

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Highlights

The junior varsity baseball team finished their season with a final record of 16-9 overall and 9-5 in the DAC. **Jared Lasky** was said to be the team leader after pitching a perfect game during the team's opener against Boone Grove.

"We got a little tired in the middle of the season and started playing poorly. I was impressed with the amount of resilience the team had though. This group played their best at the end of the season and I was very proud," said sixth year head coach, **Chance Garbison**.

Even the players agreed that they played well together during the season. "I really enjoyed meeting new people and playing well with them," said sophomore **Max Roberts**.

Starring



Sophomore **Max Roberts** warms up before the game.



Bryce Crook, sophomore, throws a fast pitch.



Sophomore Sam Klemz squats to catch a ground ball. "My favorite part of playing baseball was waking up at 5 am for morning practice," **Klemz** said.

Jon Kilpinen, sophomore, throws to his teammates from his third base position. "Winning over Griffith was my favorite part of the season," said **Kilpinen**.



Row 1 (L to R): Austin White, Ben Hardwick, Evan Walls, Tony Kloss, Robby Schneider
Row 2: Jared Thompson, Jordon Swenson, Nick Abreu, Jared McMaster, Jon Kilpinen, Bryce Crook,
Row 3: Head Coach Chance Garbison, Sam Klemz, Conner TenHove, Jared Lasky, Jack Healy, Coach Jake Plesac



Head Coach Nick Slater gathers the team before they start.

Eric Klobucar attempts to tag a player on first base.

Derek Lasky safely makes it to first base. "My favorite part of playing baseball was the feeling of satisfaction after getting a DAC win," said **Lasky**.



Centerfielder **Lucas Schultz** waits for a chance to run bases. "I loved the thrill of going up to the plate and being relaxed enough to have fun," **Schultz** said.



Freshman Baseball Ticket



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Highlights

The freshman baseball team wrapped up their first high school season with a record of 12-9. The team leaders during the season were **Billy Baldwin, Seamus Welsh, and Derek Lasky**.

"My favorite part about being on a team was the brotherhood that we developed as a team and knowing that if you struck out or made a mistake, you would have your team to pick you up," said freshman centerfielder **Lucas Schultz**.

The boys had many good times together during their season. "My favorite memory from the season was having **Sean White** run for us and steal bases," said **Coach Nick Slater**.

Starring

Row 1 (L to R): Brad Rafferty, Sean White, Zack Moneta, Max Behrend, Billy Baldwin, Sean Miller, Adrian Casaday

Row 2: Manager Anita Angon, Seamus Welsh, Tyler Filar, Brandon Wachowski, Bobby Lee, Ray Kreloff, manager Brooke Hollandsworth

Row 3: Coach Pat Antone, Kyle Zellers, Eric Klobucar, Patrick, Olson, Derek Lasky, Jeremy Risetter, Lucas Schultz, Head Coach Nick Slater



Varsity Softball Ticket

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Highlights

The varsity softball team used the 2014 season to grow and become better players. Under the leadership of head coach Tracy Corneil, the girls finished the season with a 11-18 record. They were 5-9 in the conference.

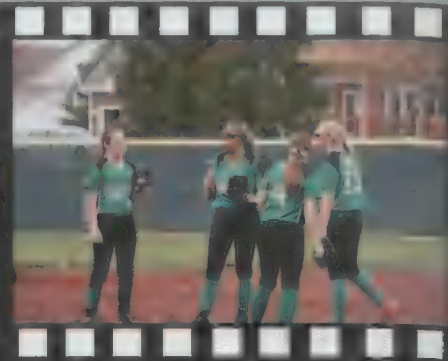
"My main goal for the season was to have fun," said freshman **Makayla Ferrari**. "Most of my goals had to do with being the best player/teammate I could be and trying to make the most positive impact possible."

With 15 years of coaching experience, head coach **Tracy Corneil** enjoyed working with the players.

"I loved working with the girls and getting to know them as people," said **Corneil**.



Junior **Sarah Beischer** prepares to throw the ball.



Members of the team converse in between innings.



Using her skill of hand-eye-coordination, senior **Kathy Minko** prepares to get a hit on the ball. "I loved the life lessons that softball taught me, including personal accountability and teamwork," said **Minko**.

Sophomore **Kennedy Minko** winds up to throw a pitch during a home game. "I really enjoyed the speed of the game and being able to work with a team that comes together," said **Minko**.



Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Abbey Thomas, Anna Beischer, Jenna Roganovich, Kathy Minko, Makayla Ferrari, Kennedy Minko, Sarah Beischer, Mimi Austin
Row 2: Assistant Coach Lisa Baisden, Head Coach Tracy Corneil, Olivia Vinyard, Molly Gravier, Hannah Holloway, Mary Jancovich, Assistant Coach Amanda Frey, Assistant Coach Lindsay Morris



Sophomore **Kaylee Neff** prepares to bat.

Freshman **Maia Lazerwitz** gathers a ground ball.

Displaying traditional form, junior **Mary Jancovich** prepares to pitch. "One of my main goals was to contribute to the team I'm on, whether it was pitching or hitting," said **Jancovich**.



In an attempt to get the runner out, sophomore **Brooke Carr** catches a pass from an outfielder. "My goals this season were to throw more people out behind the plate and also to be a leader," said **Carr**.



JV Softball Ticket



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Highlights

"My teammates and our friendships kept me interested in softball," said sophomore captain **Alexis Enright**. Along with Enright, sophomores **Brooke Carr**, **Cassie Bengs**, and **Hannah Walsh** were captains.

In her second year as a coach and first year at Valparaiso High School, junior varsity coach **Lindsay Morris** led the team to a record of 4-7 in the DAC and 8-17 overall. Morris recalled her favorite moment of the season.

"The biggest highlight of our season was our 7 to 6 victory against Chesterton," said **Morris**. "We fought back in that game, and the girls played hard and did everything they needed to do to win."

Starring

Row 1 (L to R): Chloe Arndt, Emma Crowder, Liz Schroeder, Hannah Walsh, Cassie Bengs, Shelby D'Aloisio

Row 2: Kaylee Neff, Maia Lazerwitz, Barbie Blank, Danielle Angert, Alexis Enright, Brooke Carr

Row 3: Coach Tracy Corneil, Coach Lisa Baisden, Desi Richmond, Meghan Gallagher, Coach Amanda Frey, Coach Lindsay Morris





Junior **Anthony Kalin** and junior **Jake Pancek** stand on the tee box before a match.

Coach **Wayne Lichtenberger** introduces the rules to the match.

Highlights

It was a rebuilding year for the golf team, but the boys took on the challenges in stride.

"I most enjoyed the chance to start with a new group of players on the varsity team," said **Wayne Lichtenberger** who was in his 27th year as head coach.

"We had some big shoes to fill from last year, and at first it was a bit of a struggle to score low, but by the end of the year we started playing well and things started falling into place. Beating Crown Point was a big win, as was beating Chesterton at home," said **Michael Blessing**.

The team finished the season with a 9-9 record and they were 7-7 in the DAC.



Senior **Jacob Woodward** stands deep in thought. He competed in the Regional as an individual qualifier along with Thomas Walsh.

Starring



Row 1 (L to R): Michael Gallinatti, Nathan Letnich, Jared Smolar, Jake Pancek, Chase Galipeau, Jacob Goldsmith

Row 2: Coach Paul Pera, Jacob Woodward, Michael Blessing, Eric Yiankes, Thomas Walsh, Brandon Hamill, Anthony Kalin, Tyler Gall, Coach Dave McGonigle



1. Junior **Jacob Goldsmith** stands and watches his partner putt.

2. Junior **Anthony Kalin** anticipates the distance of his next putt.

3. "I've been playing since I was 5 years old. Also, I've been on the team since I was a freshman and I've always loved it," said **Brandon Hamill**.

4. Teeing off, junior **Jake Pancek** concentrates on the ball.

5. Junior **Anthony Kalin** and **Jake Pancek** contemplate their next move on the green as they prepare to complete the hole.

Featuring

Question: What is your favorite part about playing golf?

A: My favorite part about golf is that there is always something in your game that has to be improved. You are never done improving.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: My favorite memory from this season was when coach brought us out to eat after overmatches.

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned from playing sports?

A: The most important thing I learned from sports is to believe in myself and always stay positive.

Q: What is your favorite sport movie?

A: My favorite sports movie is *Remember the Titans* because it shows how sports can bring people together.

Thomas Walsh



Varsity Girl's Tennis Ticket

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Highlights

The Varsity Girl's Tennis team finished with a winning record of 7-1 in the DAC, and 12-7 overall. Some of the team's biggest accomplishments throughout the season included winning the Highland Invite for the first time in Valpo history, and also earning the title of Sectional champions.

The Varsity team was headed by **Coach Tim Shideler**.

Since a majority of the Varsity were seniors, they made this last season together one to remember.

"My favorite part about being on the team were the pasta parties, getting to know everyone, and getting to play the sport I love," said senior **Rachel Willing**.

Starring



At a match, senior **Marissa Weston** hits a forehand.

Sophomore **Madisen Kammerer** eyes the ball before hitting her shot.



All of the varsity teammates raise their hands in celebration of winning the Sectional championship trophy. They defeated the Wheeler Bearcats and Portage Indians to win the title.

Number one senior partners **Brooke Sever** and **Caitlin Kennedy** high five after a winning point. "My favorite part of tennis was getting to spend so much time on and off the court with my teammates," said **Sever**.



Row 1 (L to R):

Madisen Kammerer,
Rachel Crookston,
Marissa Weston,
Rachel Willing,
Shannon Tucker

Row 2: Lisa Hauser,
Caitlin Kennedy, Audrey
Belancin, Kelly
Kennedy, Brooke
Sever, Coach Tim
Shideler



After hitting her shot, junior **Ella Simon** follows through with her racquet.

Kareen Billetter and **Becca Erftenbeck** smile after a win.

Before the line-up is announced, the JV girls talk to **Coach Nicole White** to find out what positions they will be playing in the match.



During a home match, junior JV #1 singles player **Shannon Tucker** hits a backhand shot across the net back at her opponent.

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Highlights

The JV Girl's Tennis team finished their season with a winning record.

One of the most accomplished moments was defeating a highly competitive Munster team, ending their last match on a very positive note.

The junior varsity team was led by **Coach Nicole White**, who truly noticed all the girls improve each and every match they played.

At the end of their regular season, all of the girls participated in the annual JV tournament against each other. Although all the matches were very close, sophomore **Kareen Billetter** won every match she played to be named the champion.

Starring

Row 1 (L to R):

Hannah Campolattara, Natalia Mosher, Hannah Kearney, Maddie Hathoot, Angela Harrington

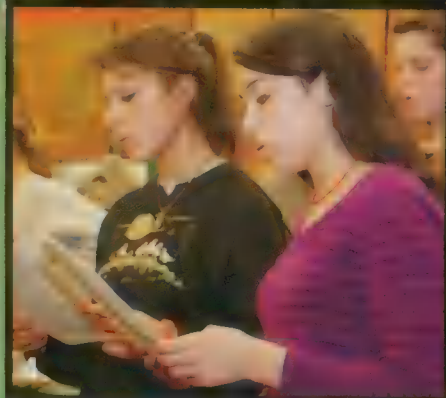
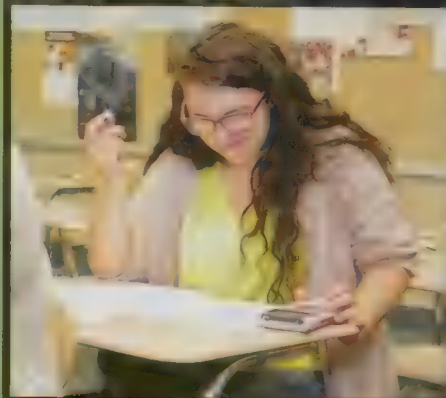
Row 2: Claire Bartusch, Annie Warner, Emma Ault, Becca Erftenbeck, Ella Simon

Row 3: Lisa Hauser, Kareen Billetter, Erin Thomas, Alexa Lahey, Coach Nicole White, Coach Tim Shideler

(Not pictured): Elizabeth O' Connor



Lights, Camera, Action!



1. Juniors **Jasmine Shughoury**, **Allison Thome**, **Luma Khabbaz**, and **Taylor Kovats** do their homework outside of class.
2. **Emma Mazurek**, a junior, contemplates a math problem.
3. Displaying his guitar skills, junior **Tristan Slavin** participates in jazz ensemble.
4. Senior **Jessica Rodriguez** reads her music in concert choir.
5. Junior **Mark Oglesby** smiles in **Spanish** class.

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1. Junior **Lindsay Herbst** gets help from French teacher **Madame Gillot-Deskovich**.

2. **Keegan Whaling**, a junior, gets ready to lift in his APC class.

3. Senior **Josh Turner** plays the xylophone in jazz band.

4. Sophomore **Melissa Sanecki** plays the viola in concert orchestra.

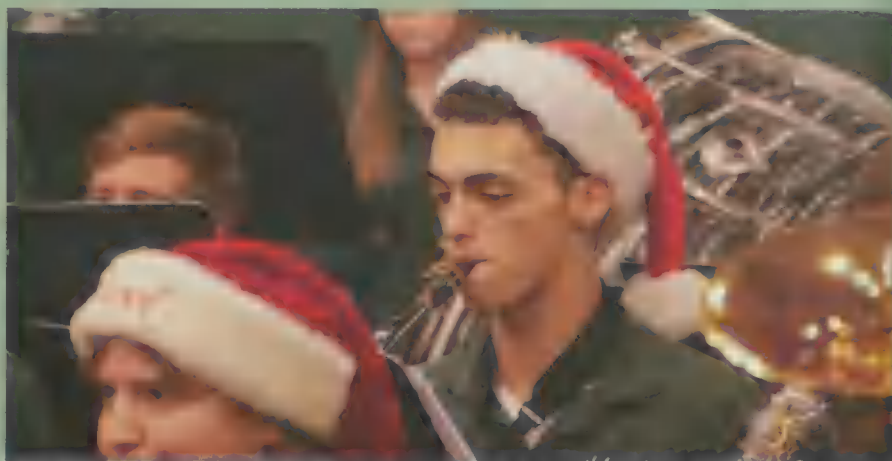
"A" Band

This year, Valparaiso High School's A Band performed at a number of different concerts and learned a wide range of pieces.

"My favorite concert this year would be the combined concert with the middle school bands. I liked it because it was fun to watch the kids' reaction to the A band," said senior **Morgan Green**.

Senior **Jacob Wierman** recalled his favorite piece as being the Symphony No 1 for Band. "It had a perfect combination of melodious lyricism and driving, toccata-like ferocity," said **Wierman**.

The A Band also made it to state for ISSMA this year, with the help of director Mr. Miguel E. Rosario, who had been an assistant director since 1995 and became director in the fall of 2013.



Senior **Jacob Wierman** plays the saxophone for A Band. "Playing the sax was an impulsive decision that I made as a fifth grader. I thought that the concept of jazz was cool, so I picked up the instrument," said **Wierman**.



Seniors **Ellen Gottlieb** and **Kelsey Brewer**, along with junior **Audrey Halsey**, practice with their clarinets during seventh hour A band.



Senior **Zach Sutton** plays the tuba in the A band.

Row 1: (L to R) Theano Christos, Madison Martin, Aurora Bonner, Kathryn Berger, Selena Martinez, Emma Mazurek, Katelyn Ayers, Kate Brogan

Row 2: Megan Rahn, Timothy Blue, Meredith Hite, Natalie Bleza, Ashley Smith, Kami Kleefisch, Hailey Mathews, Anna Davis, Taylor Kovats, Shirantha Stanislaus, Archita Vohra, Anna Jones, Maddie Bleza

Row 3: Zach Hardesty, Madeline Buls, Sarah La Barbera, Rachel Willing, Marie Wirsing, Aubrey Baker, Ricardo Rosario, Dominic Davis, Morgan Green, Jacob Wierman, Joshua Abatie, Jared Folke, Joel Uban, Kyle Balmer, Ally Runnion, Kendal Holesinger, Michael Girman, Elvin Uthuppan, Matt Hoyert, Andrew Walits, Megan Lawrence, Zachary Kroll, Andrew Antonetti, Brian Karr, Zach Sutton

Row 4: Judah Nichols, Audrey Halsey, Ellen Gottlieb, Kelsey Brewer, Jacqueline Keenan, Brian Gonzalez, Grayson Woods, Nathan Courtaney, Cadie Miller, Nathan McChesney, Kelly Adams, Billy Yogan, Mary Cobble, Eric Hess, Peter Williams, Ben Lawson

Row 5: Miguel E. Rosario-Vega, Josh Turner, Sam Baker, Dorian Manion, Anthony Nelson, Natalie Gruszka, Caleb Owens, Nathan Bongard





Sophomore **Miya Litke-Adams** plays the flute in the B band.



Mr. Miguel Rosario conducts the B band as they practice during first hour. Rosario was the assistant director of the VHS band program from 1995 to 2013. In the fall of 2013, he became the director.

"B" Band

It was a busy year for the B band and filled with a lot of activities.

These concerts included the Halftime Highlights, the Veteran's Concert at Strongbow Restaurant, This Is Our Story, the Epic Film Music Concert at VU, the Band Extravabandza, and the ISSMA competitions.

"My favorite thing about working with the B band this year was the music literature and the students," said band director **Mr. Rosario**.

"I enjoyed the sight reading concert we had this spring that helped us prepare for the state qualifications," said sophomore **John Nowosad**.



Sophomore **Luke Brown**, a member of the B band, plays the xylophone.



Row 1: (L to R) Shannon Hahn, Rebecca Gronceski, Michaela Bogue, Miya Litke-Adams, Sophie Hanson, Torie Cox, Francie Fink

Row 2: Katie Kirk, Michael Bukata, Madeline Hathoot, Timothy Henderson, Jessica Swierenga, Alexa Kudrak, Amberleigh Greene, Hevyn Frailey, Alexandra Jacobs, Megan Bratton, Hayden Radigan, Austin Garbison, Sydnye Nosbusch

Row 3: Darian Low, Carissa Steele, Annie Warner, Alex Soliday, Samantha Matisko, Jenna Dambek, Elizabeth Bell, Gregory Heskett, Steven Fisher, Christopher Zart, Matthew May, Mallory Krown, John Nowosad, Brian Green, Zack Timmons, Nathan Moore

Row 4: Jenna Miller, Morgan Fifield, Shelby Hoyert, Erin Shaw, Taylor Murphy, David McLean, Theo Tripodis, Robert Gallowitch, Sam Nowosad, Nic Krenz, Nicole Huth, Ava Massarella, Mitz Calumpang, Madeleine Wellman, Valerie Keenan, Grant Steiner, Dylan Nguyen, Matthew Brennecke

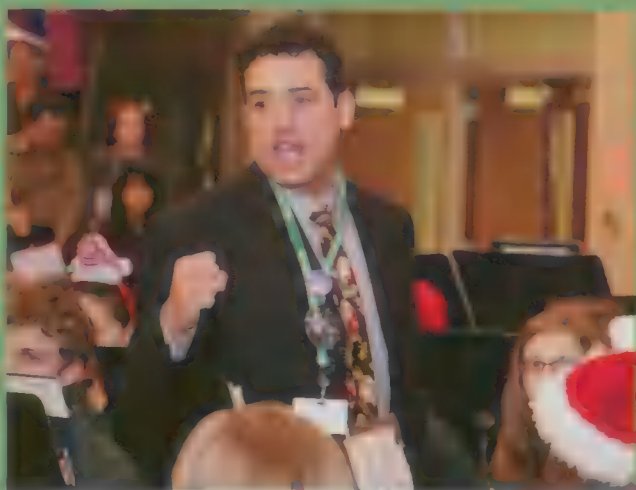
Row 5: Mr. Miguel E. Rosario-Vega, Joshua Runyan, Lorand Calumpang, Luke Brown, Marc Small, Noah Crafton, Jake Reid, Eddie Guess

This Is Our Story

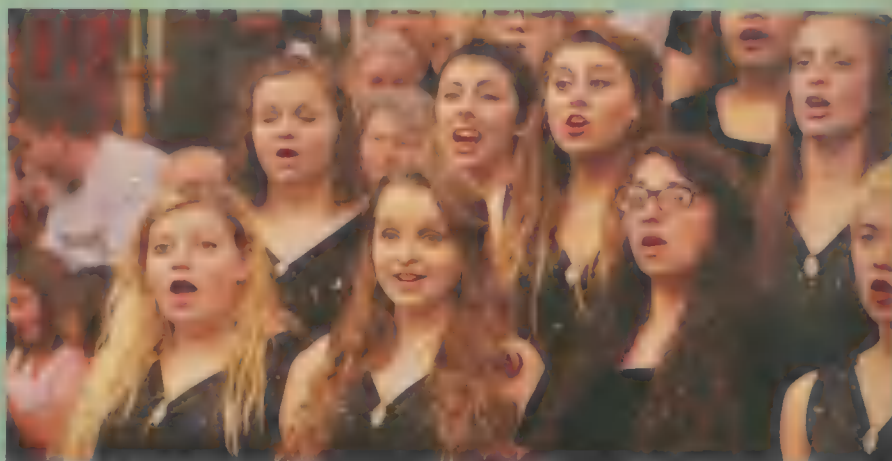
As an annual tradition, musical groups from Valparaiso schools gathered at Valparaiso High School to perform their musical pieces.

The *This is Our Story* program was open to all choirs, bands, and orchestras from Valparaiso schools. Songs performed at the event were commonly holiday-based to fit the theme. The night ended with the appearance of Santa Claus and karaoke for everyone present.

"The best thing about TIOS was watching and listening to the wide range of groups during performances," said **Mr. Miguel Rosario**, VHS band director. "Also, enjoying the art work on display in the lobby of the field house."



Mr. Miguel Rosario directs the band.



Storm Stevenson, Rebecca Roe, and Emma Mazurek perform with the women's chorus.



Varsity singers **Natalie Bleza, Laura Riggle, Andrew Flasch** and **Emily Arndt** perform a number during the annual winter concert.

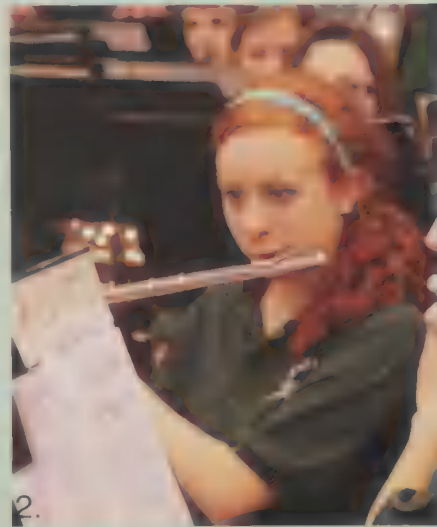
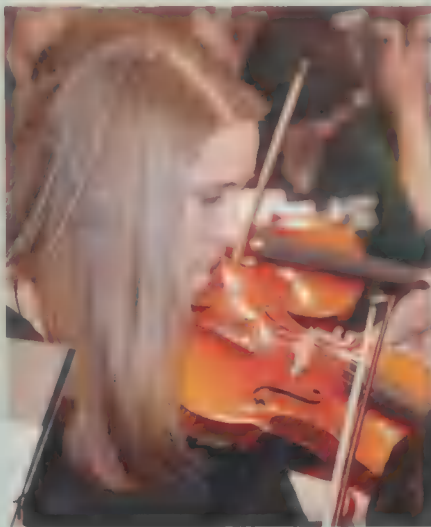
The bands of Valparaiso schools show off their holiday festivity by sporting Santa Claus and elf hats during the concert. *This Is Our Story* was an annual tradition that featured the talents of the musical organizations in the Valparaiso school community.



Deep in concentration, junior **Lauren Griffith** concentrates on the music while playing the violin. Griffith was a member of the chamber orchestra.



Sporting his festive Santa hat, sophomore **Nathan Moore** joins the holiday spirit while playing his tuba. Moore was a member of the "B" band.



1. Senior violinist **Anna Beischer** immerses herself with the music.
2. Sophomore **Francie Fink** remains focused while playing the flute.



Princess Daniels-Porter and Dominique De Pippo play their instruments during the performance.



Josh Abatie

"With the changing of leadership into Mr. Rosario's hands, he really wanted someone from inside of the arts programs to emcee the *This Is Our Story* evenings this year," said senior **Josh Abatie**. "I was chosen as that lucky insider, and truly had a marvelous final experience with this beloved holiday tradition."

Concert Choir

From *Fall Fantasia* to *This Is Our Story* to *Serenade of Spring*, the fun and hard work never stopped for the concert choir and their diligence paid off with a seventh place finish at state. "My favorite thing about working with the concert choir this year was seeing how excited they got when they perfected a performance," said choir director **Linda Schonbachler**.

"My favorite thing about concert choir was that I loved singing, but I also loved the bonds and relationships that were created in choir," said **Rachel Keller**.

Seven concert choir students made it into the All State Honor's Choir, which was a huge accomplishment for them. The students also prepared to perform at Carnegie Hall during the summer.



Mrs. Linda Schonbachler directs the concert choir during *This Is Our Story* that took place on December 17, 2013.



Rachel Keller, Olivia Chappell, Storm Stevenson, Rebecca Roe, and Emma Mazurek perform at *This Is Our Story*.



Members of Valparaiso High School's concert choir perform at the annual *This Is Our Story* concert.

Row 1: (L to R) Carli Meihofer, Daniel Barajas, Nathaniel Bouman, Claire Simon, Daniel Azar, Rachel Keller, Andrew Flasch, Emily Ahrendt, Michael Radford, Madeline Blaney

Row 2: Storm Stevenson, Rebecca Roe, Kimberly Jankowski, Cole Fraire, Margaret Nagai, Makenna Fetch, Claudie Airey

Row 3: Caitlyn D'Elia, Emma Mazurek, Olivia Chappell, Taylor Briel, Justin Johnson, Brian Gonzalez, Ryan Miles, Natalie Bleza, Rachel Neinast, Victoria Cox, Laura Riggie

Row 4: Carol Hazen, Marie Warren, Kalel Barrett, Katie Ploetz, Jonah Jaramillo, David Staub, Michael Bukata, Kevin Tognetti, Mikey Nieto, Kathryn Bower, Ava Massarella, Kimi Czerwinski

Row 5: Olivia Murray, Kylie Staples, Renée Romanowski, Sophie Kaminski, Aidan Kaiser, Eric Ivory, Isaiah Smith, Micah Nord, Corey Gardner, Annie Rastovski, Emily Walsh, Linda Schonbachler





The members of men's chorus sing at Valparaiso High School's Fall Fantasia.



Sopranos belt out their high notes under the direction of choral director **Mrs. Linda Schonbachler**.

Mixed Chorus

"The best part about working with the mixed chorus this year was the fact that students were very respectful and hard-working," said choir director **Linda Schonbachler**.

The mixed chorus learned a lot of new sight reading skills, as well as keyboard skills, which helped them persevere with their singing. In addition, they learned songs in a variety of foreign languages, including French and Latin.

Starting with *Fall Fantasia*, the mixed chorus performed at a number of concerts this year. These events included *This Is Our Story*, *ISSMA*, and *Serenade of Spring*.



The entire mixed chorus performs at Fall Fantasia under the direction of **Mrs. Linda Schonbachler**.



Row 1: (L to R) Katherine Dolan-Bennett, Sarah Mudd, Blake Hightshoe, Michael Kelley, Noah Komoscar, Aaliyah Millikin, Noel Villasenor, Kathryn Janoski

Row 2: Jeanne Foster, Kirstie Ashton, Marie Warren, Theresa Lazzaroni, Ariel Butler, Robert Trieu, Kyle Sharp, Ari Coulopoulos, Makayla Bridges, Lauren Ahrendt, Minahil Kamal, Skylar Miracle, Linda Schonbachler

Row 3: Sydney Clark, Kimi Czerwinski, Sarah Cuevas, Rachelle Takish, Destiny Takish, Destiny Johnson, Megan Simons, Amber Wilson, Katelynn Philpott

Women's Chorus

Valparaiso High School's choral department was known for having many talented singers and women's chorus was no exception.

Students were often accepting awards for their excellent work at the Indiana State School Music Association Contest, or ISSMA, each year. The women's chorus accepted many medals, both silver and gold.

VHS students had a variety of reasons for joining one of the VHS choirs offered in the music department.

Junior **Julia Couch** believed in the beauty of choir from the start. "The best way to express different emotions was through the wonderful world of music," said **Couch**.



The women's chorus sings during the annual event.



The women's chorus performs at Valparaiso High School's annual program Fall Fantasia.



The girls sing "Rejoice" with Mrs. Linda Schonbachler directing them.

Row 1: (L to R) Julia Michaels, Rachel Gebhardt, Storm Stevenson, Sophie Kaminski, Marie Warren, Kim Czerwinski

Row 2: Angela Harrington, Julie Kay, Elise Lee, Mariana Garcia, Madison Mitchell, Becky Graykowski, Katherine Nagai, Lindsey Walsh, Kaitlin Sarver, Abigail Stewart, Hannah Campolattara

Row 3: Mrs. J. Foster, Ariel Butler, Emma Mazurek, Emma Gottlieb, Hailee Atkins, Davion Applewhite, Breanna Horn, Madeline Shepley, Cassidy Gearhart, Harini Kota, S. Marie Townsend, Julia Couch, Valerie Morris, Mrs. Schonbachler

Row 4: Veronica Mockus, Caitlynd Conley, Sara Kupsis, Alyssa Schrimmel, Jessika McDonald, Molly Gravier, Rachelle Takish, Haley Wirth, Ellen Lemmon, Emma Schlottman, Allison Skadberg, Hannah Walsh, A. Demonja





Junior **Brian Gonzalez** and sophomore **Jordan Begay** perform one of their songs at *Fall Fantasia* with the choir.



For *Fall Fantasia*, the men's chorus performs one of their songs under the direction of **Mrs. Linda Schonbachler**.

Men's Chorus

The small but enthusiastic men's chorus became a grand portion of the show *Fall Fantasia* this past year.

The range of the choir's songs was very diverse, complete with banjo, played by senior **Andy Vecchi**. Performed songs included "Sail Away, Ladies," "Festival Alleluia," "Ubi Caritas," and "Sixteen Tons."

The chorus was able to form close bonds over the course of the year. "My favorite part of being a part of the group was how it made me feel important," said sophomore **Jonathon Stocker**. "We were like a team, where every person counted."

The choir was under the direction of director Mrs. Linda Schonbachler.



Junior **Mikey Nieto** sings his solo during "Chickens in the Garden," as performed by the men's chorus.



Row 1: (L to R) Jordan Begay, Michael Radford, Andy Vecchi, Mikey Nieto, Brian Gonzalez

Row 2: Noah Komoscar, Seth Stevenson

Row 3: Travis Fry, Garet Paul

Row 4: Mrs. Jeanne Foster, Zac Sewell, Eric Evory, Jackson Block, Jonathon Stocker, Mrs. Linda Schonbachler

Varsity Singers

"I have enjoyed getting to dance and sing with all of my friends, as well as being close with the whole group; we're like family," said senior **Claudia Airey**.

Varsity Singers was a group of students that not only sang, but danced and put on shows at many different events in the community.

Each performer had a different element that they enjoyed most about being a member of the group.

"My favorite thing about Varsity Singers was performing with awesome people," said senior **Daniel Azar**.

Aside from this, senior **Kevin Tognetti** said his favorite thing was "learning each new dance and making new friends."



Varsity Singers come together at the end of their performance.



Seniors **Daniel Azar** and **Rachel Keller** introduce the opening of *Fall Fantasia* with a song they wrote themselves.



Showing off their best jazz hands, the varsity singers including seniors **Jessica Rodriguez**, **Claudia Airey**, and **Kathryn Jankowski** provide an upbeat performance for audience members during the annual fall concert.

Row 1: (L to R) Natalie Bleza, Claudia Airey

Row 2: Brian Gonzalez, Laura Riggle, Cole Fraire, Kimberly Jankowski, Michael Nieto

Row 3: Rebecca Roe, Daniel Azar, Storm Stevenson, Ryan Miles, Kevin Tognetti, Taylor Briel, Daniel Barajas, Madeline Blaney

Row 4: Emily Ahrendt, Michael Radford, Aidan Kaiser, Rachel Keller, Annie Rastovski, Nathan Bouman, Olivia Chappell, Isaiah Smith, Andrew Flasch, Carli Meihofer





Mrs. Linda Schonbachler directs the mixed chorus during *Fall Fantasia*.



The women's chorus perform the songs "Rejoice", "Panis Angelicus", "Joshua!", "Ditrait-On", and "Oh Whistle" under the direction of **Mrs. Linda Schonbachler**.

Fall Fantasia

Valparaiso audiences looked forward to *Fall Fantasia*, which took place on Tuesday, October 22 in the VHS auditorium. The choirs that performed included the men's chorus, women's chorus, mixed chorus, concert choir, and Varsity Singers.

"It was the 25th annual *Fall Fantasia*, and I was very proud of how all the students performed. They did a fantastic job," said choral director **Linda Schonbachler**.

The show began with the Varsity Singers performing "Good Time" by Owl City and Carly Rae Jepsen and ended with all the choirs singing "Why We Sing" by Greg Gilpin.

"I prepared for the show by singing some scales and drinking warm tea to prepare my voice," said senior **Jessica Rodriguez**.



The men's chorus dance along to "Chickens in the Garden", a traditional British pub song.



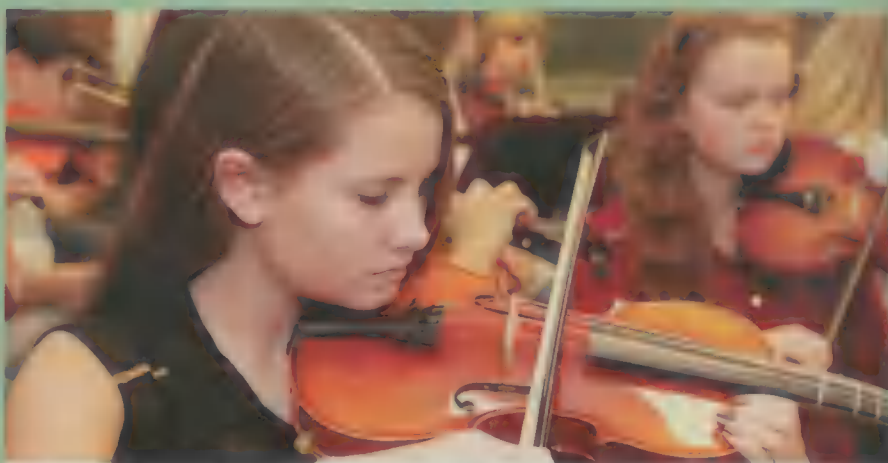
1. Senior **Jessica Rodriguez** sings her solo during the Varsity Singers segment of *Fall Fantasia*.
2. Playing the banjo for the men's chorus, senior **Andy Vecchi** gets a chance to shine.
3. Juniors **Daniel Barajas** and **Maddie Blaney** take center stage during a varsity singer's performance in the VHS auditorium.

Concert Orchestra

With seventh hour was in session, the freshman and sophomore members of the concert orchestra tuned, practiced, and sight-read. They played four seasonal concerts, participated in the ISSMA contest, and finals each semester. During the year, they learned symphonies and pieces that they could learn to perfect.

The concert orchestra was led by conductor and teacher, **Mr. Tim Kopf**, who the students had as an instructor since fifth grade.

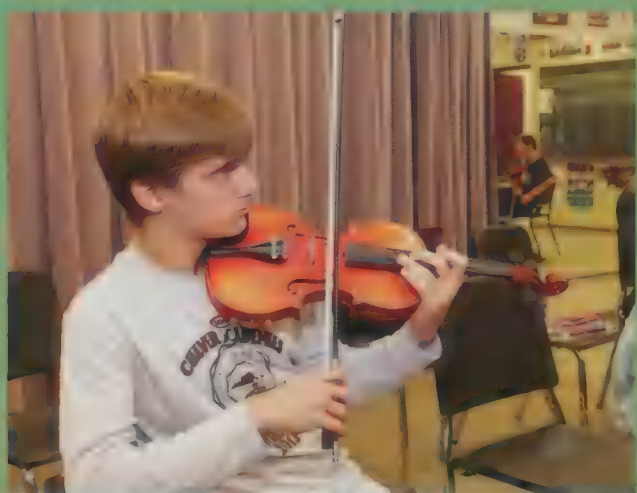
"What kept me inspired in my job was being able to guide fifth-grade young, unrefined talent into becoming sophisticated, mature, and musically refined young adults when they graduated from high school," said **Kopf**.



Listening closely, sophomore **Rebecca Erftenbeck** tunes her E string.



Sophomore **Craig Behnke** follows along with the music. "I believed that every time that we brought a piece to a concert and performed well, we helped our audience forget about their lives for a moment and just enjoy the music. I believe that helping others through our music was at the heart of what we did," said Behnke.



Improvising, sophomore **John Buggeln** plays a piece.

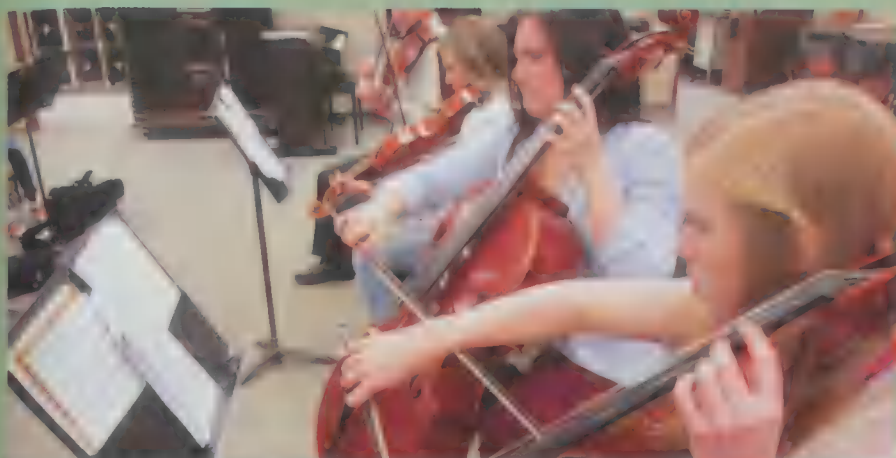
Row 1: Donna Ferguson, Brigitte Frazee, Craig Behnke, Lydia Porter, Elizabeth Rosentrater, Sylvie Martin-Eberhardt, Ellie Joll, Samantha Sanecki

Row 2: Nicole Isroff, Becca Erftenbeck, Jordan White, John Buggeln, Stephanie Burge, Melissa Sanecki, Leanne Sanders, Kara Rothenberger

Row 3: Josh Schlichting, Tucker Anthony, Zoe Krenz, Allison Bewick, Katerina Bakas, Maggie Vail, Lily Whited, Kylee Wahl, Brooke Isroff, Hannah Kearney, Lexi Lahey, Maddie Ross, Eddie Guess

Row 4: Zaide Thell, Mike Piechocki, Mr. Tim Kopf, Max Montgomery, Chris Pease





Juniors **Katie Mulroe** and **Kimberly Clausen** play their cellos along with the music.



Director **Tim Kopf** plays along with senior **Marissa Weston**. "My favorite part of orchestra was getting to do one of my favorite things in life every day while playing under the incredible guidance of Mr. Kopf," said **Weston**.

Chamber Orchestra

During third hour, different symphonies echoed throughout the orange hallway thanks to the chamber orchestra.

The conductor, **Mr. Tim Kopf**, helped to prepare the chamber orchestra for many events, such as four seasonal concerts, two different contests, such as the ISSMA contest, and many playing exams.

"One of my most recent rewards was watching the Valparaíso High School chamber orchestra perform Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* during the Young People's Concert without a conductor, and seeing the inspired looks of enthusiasm in the young audience was what continued to motivate and guide my teaching," said **Kopf**.

With many motivations to play, senior **Samantha Gabrish** had one of her own. "The music kept me driven. It allowed me to strive for the accomplishment of playing some of the hardest symphonies in history," said **Gabrish**.



Junior **Ella Simon** smiles as she plays. "My motivation is hearing professionals and trying my best to live up to them," said **Simon**.



Row 1: Shawn Brown, Sofia Grimsgard, Katie Mulroe, Kim Clausen, Rhona Gilliam, Lindsey DeBoer

Row 2: Charity Munro, Anna Beischer, Sarah Thornton, Ben Rosiar, Micah Nord, Isiah Javier, Jason Wright, Patrick Azar, Allison Poole, Alaina Martin, Samantha Gabrish

Row 3: Dominique DePippo, Ella Simon, Lucia Jiang, Caroline Shaw, Tina Kalafatis, Princess Daniels-Porter, Lauren Griffith, Erin Thomas, Timi Stiscak, Jasmine Shughoury, Stephanie Prahlow, Emily Morris, Mr. Tim Kopf, Jessica Rodriguez, Katelyn Hagen

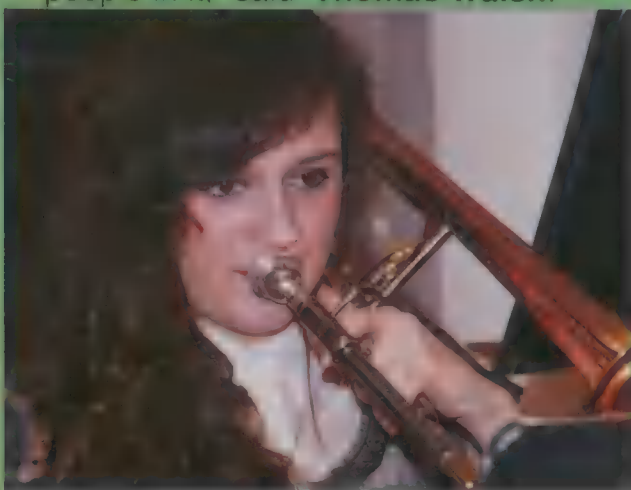
Jazz Band

Members of the Valparaíso High School jazz ensemble, studio band, and the lab band showcased their musical talents in the annual Jazz At Aberdeen Event which was held from 6:30pm to 10 pm at the end of February.

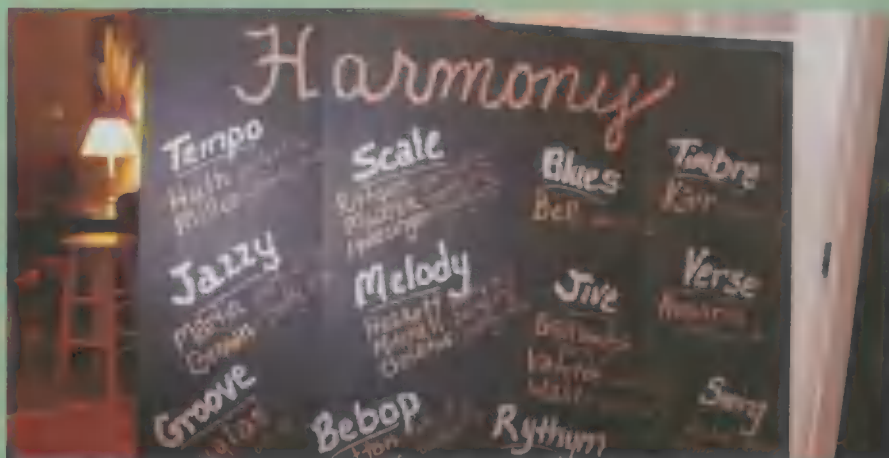
Parents, students, and members of the community enjoyed an evening of jazz music as the three bands performed.

"My favorite part of directing was being a part of the spirit. The students had a lot of spirit for jazz music and they had fun playing," said **Miguel Rosario** who has been directing the jazz band for nineteen years.

"I joined jazz band because I wanted to be a part of something bigger than me. I loved the trips we took and the people in it," said **Thomas Walsh**.



Nicole Huth plays the trombone during the jazz event at Aberdeen.

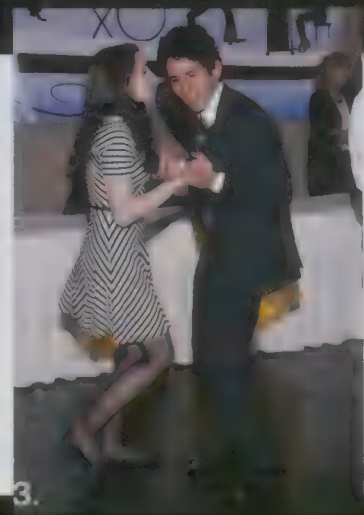
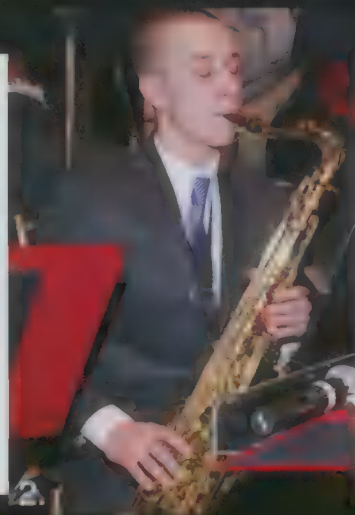
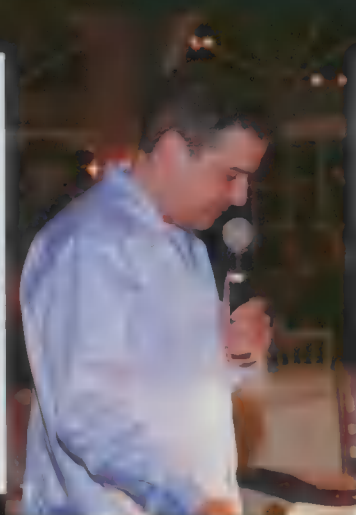


A sign hangs in Aberdeen Manor informing guests where to sit during the jazz show.



Senior **Josh Turner** plays percussion during the show. "If I could sum up all my experiences with the VHS Jazz Band into one word, it would be *super*," said Turner, who was a member of the jazz ensemble.

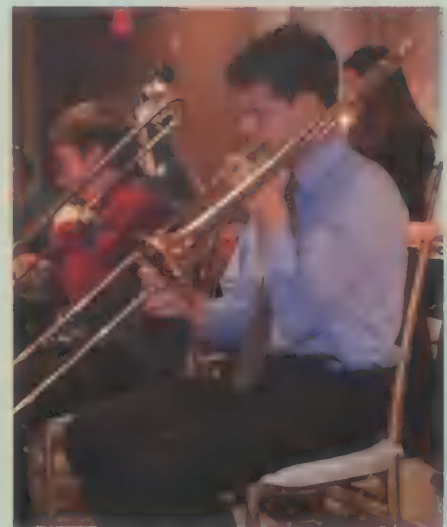
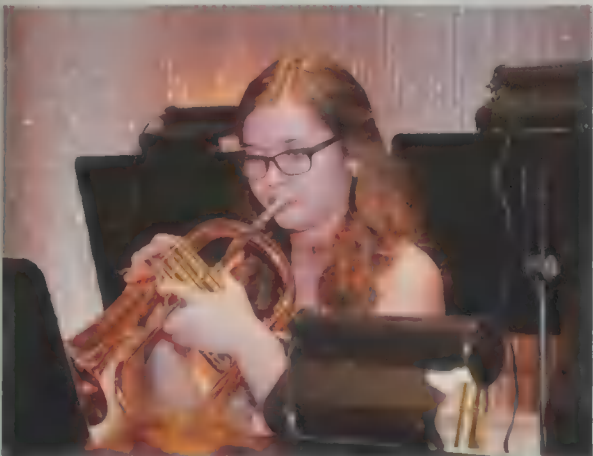
1. Jazz band leader **Miguel Rosario** addresses the audience.
2. **Kendal Holesinger** plays the saxophone.
3. **Jessica Rodriguez** and **Keil Vittetoe** enjoy the evening.



Freshman piano player **Elise Lee** plays a piece during the showcase. "The piano gave you a lot of freedom. You could play whatever you wanted on it," said **Lee**.



Elizabeth Bell, sophomore, follows her music while playing the trumpet. She was a member of the jazz ensemble. "We learned a lot about music theory in jazz ensemble and I really enjoyed that," **Bell** said.



1. Junior **JP Kunze** performs a solo on the electric guitar.
2. Trombone player **Brian Karr** concentrates on his music while playing in the showcase. "My favorite memory from jazz band was playing at the Purdue Jazz Festival and the Ball State Jazz Festival for two years. I really liked being at the campuses," said **Karr**.



Students perform in pairs during the show. **JP Kunze** played the electric guitar while **Keil Vittetoe** played the bass.



Sam Baker

"My favorite thing to do is play the drums. I love the booming noise," said senior **Sam Baker** who has been a member of jazz band for four years.

Baker will be taking his talents to Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in the fall.

LEAD

Leadership. Empathy. Accountability. Discussion. These were some of the buzz words that defined the importance of the VHS LEAD mentors.

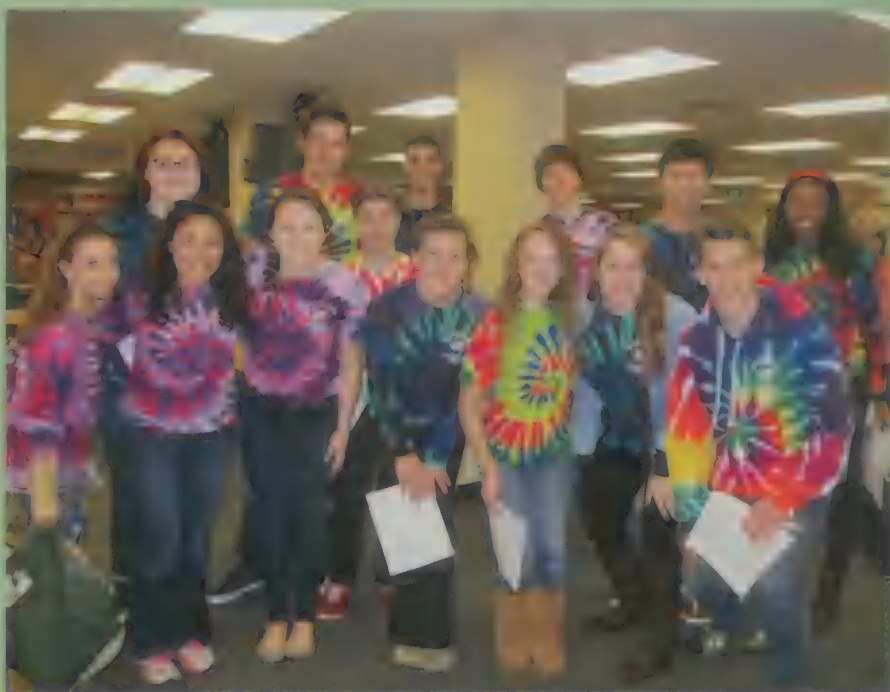
Each month, the mentors traveled to either Benjamin Franklin Middle School, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, or a local elementary school to mentor the young students about pro-social skills and positive attitudes.

Many mentors created long-lasting friendships during the program. "I liked getting to know a lot of people, not only in my group but in the program overall," said senior **Kelsey Brewer**.

The group of mentors grew to be about 10% of the student population at the high school, proving to be an impactful program.



Thomas Jefferson Middle School students listen to the LEAD mentors teach their lesson on resilience.

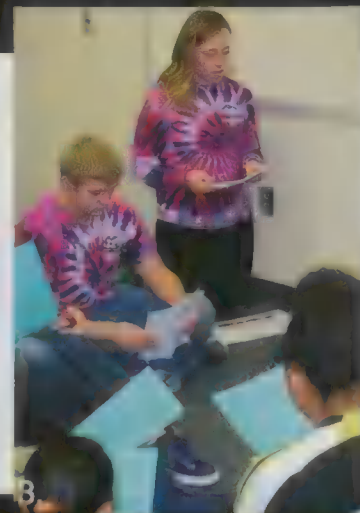
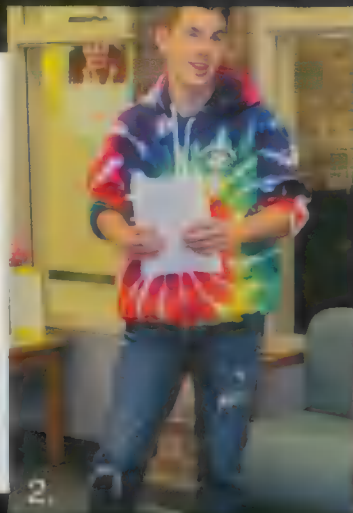
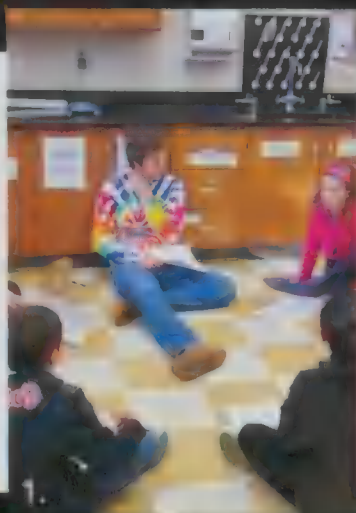


Thomas Jefferson LEAD mentors gather before the start of their lesson. These mentors left VHS each month for TJMS to meet with their small group of middle school students and teach them about positive behavior.



Juniors **Sofia Grimsgard** and **Madi Walters** listen to students in the group.

1. Junior **Dylan Workman** sits with his middle school students.
2. Sophomore **Ryan Miles** speaks to the class.
3. Seniors **Mitch Wiles** and **Dorian Manion** teach their small group session.



LEAD advisors **Mrs. Kara Wissing** and **Mrs. Rebecca Cowan** pass out papers for middle school students to take home after their time with the LEAD mentors.



Senior mentors **Chandler Nielson** and **Kelly Kennedy** discuss the value of intangible gifts with their small group of middle school students at Benjamin Franklin Middle School.



1. Junior mentors **Abie Mwaura** and **Jacob Knoblock** sit with their small group in Benjamin Franklin Middle School's media center where they share the theme of their lesson.



2. Relaxed with her small group of students, senior **Kelly Bledsoe** takes a break before beginning her lesson for the day.



Juniors **Ian Jones** and **Kurt Kohler** listen attentively as the group shares their input.



Kelly Garbukas

A three-year mentor with LEAD, senior **Kelly Garbukas** felt the program became a big part of her life.

"I hoped that the program would keep getting stronger and would branch out to other schools," said **Garbukas**.

Student Council

"I believe that the goal of Student Council was to allow anyone willing to participate to be able to participate in our school activities. Student Council gave the student body a voice and the ability to contribute to the school," said senior **Jaeson Chang**, president.

During the school year, the Student Council sponsored many events such as the homecoming pep rally, and the holiday gift drive to name a few.

The students met every Thursday after school for meetings.

Student Council had many goals according to the members. "The goal of Student Council, in my eyes, was to work together to unite our school through rallies, fundraisers, and spirit days," said sophomore **Jillian Rafalski**.



After a leadership conference, student council officers bond over dinner.

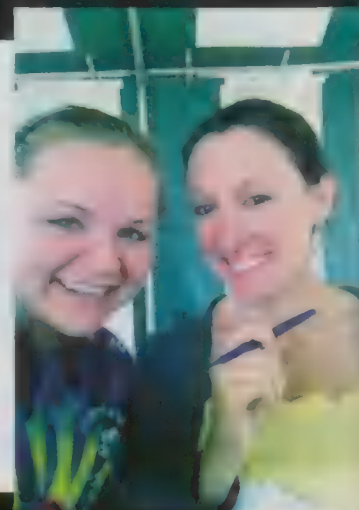
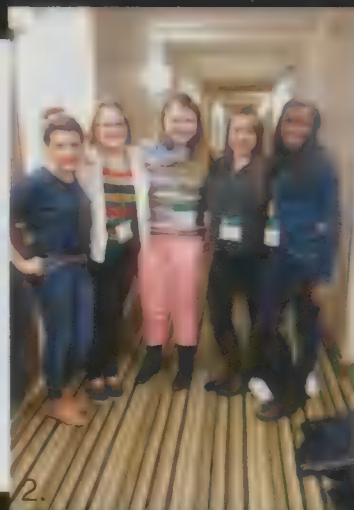


Valparaiso student council members attend a leadership conference. "Meeting new people and developing new leadership skills have been very advantageous for me," said senior president **Jaeson Chang**.



During half time at a football game, the student council entertains the crowd.

1. Junior **Mona Sehgal** and sophomore **Jane Tullis** attend a representative assembly.
2. Members pose for a picture at a representative assembly.
3. Senior **Rachel Keller** and student council sponsor **Mrs. Snoeyink** attend the Popcorn Festival.



Senior **Samantha Yaros** and junior **Kathryn Bower** attend a conference with sponsor **Miss Lauren Covington**.



1. Seniors **Samantha Yaros** and **Rachel Keller** help serve popcorn at the Popcorn Festival.
2. Senior **Rachel Keller** along with **Nathan Courtney** take a break with fellow representatives .

Junior **Kathryn Bower** participates in a student council activity.



Student Council Representatives pose for a group picture during the annual leadership conference.



Student Involvement

During the homecoming pep rally, student council members get ready for festivities to begin.

Earth Awareness

Earth Awareness Club was an organization that was created to promote the protection and preservation of the earth.

EAC focused on a variety of activities to promote and pursue the greater good, such as recycling and spreading the word of being ecofriendly.

Some of the members had the opportunity to visit the Grand Canyon while experiencing the great outdoors. The Earth Awareness Club sponsored numerous other trips to try and promote their message.

"Earth Awareness Club did many things for the community. Our goal was to help the environment in our community. We cleaned up the beaches and the rivers, and we looked for any possibilities to help more," said President **Viktoriya Trenkinshu**.



Matt Leetz, Evann Grabow, and EAC sponsor Mr. Dave Kenning rest on a rock formation.

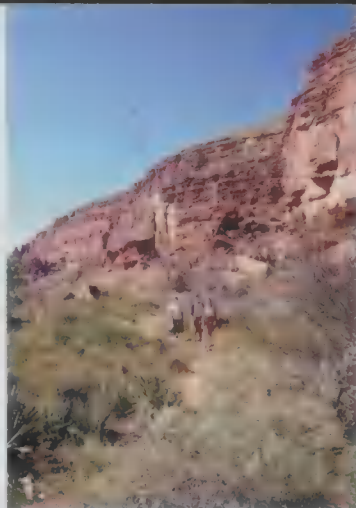


Earth Awareness Club members experience the Grand Canyon along with sponsor **Mr. Dave Kenning**.



The group crosses a suspended bridge through the canyon.

1. Junior **Matt Leetz** walks on a trail through the canyon along with two of his friends.
2. Junior **Evann Grabow** poses in front of the canyon with a friend.
3. Junior **Matt Leetz** stands on a trail.





Students wear 'drunk goggles' and attempt to shoot a basket. "S.A.D.D Club brought attention to the necessity of safe driving activities by getting involved in several events, putting up posters, and handing out flyers," said senior **Kat Vincent**.



Students rally around the truck as they prepare to take the timed challenge. "I liked that we made an impact on the community. We were trying to make a difference, and in a fun way. I also liked that a group of students were getting together and trying to stop destructive decisions from happening," said **Emily Whited**.

S.A.D.D.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) was a group of students that sought to make a difference in their community.

"We tried to raise awareness about how dangerous decisions such as distracted driving as well as doing illegal activities could be," said SADD vice-president **Emily Whited**. "We tried to show people that being safe and making good decisions was the kind of life everyone should lead."

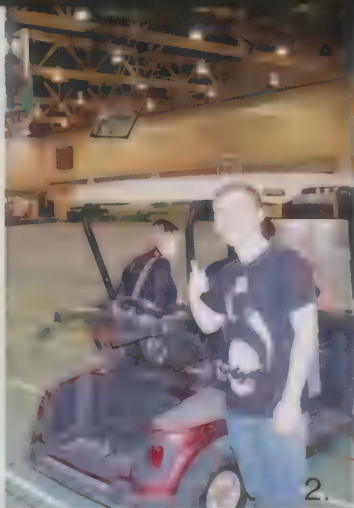
During the year, the group brainstormed fundraising ideas to raise money for the local police dogs to get bulletproof vests. Their most successful fundraiser was selling puppy chow in the Coffee House.



S.A.D.D Club Officers (left to right): **Francesca Pupillo, Jacob Knoblock, Emily Whited, and Jeremiah Reeves**



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1. Mr. Mike Prow plays the S.A.D.D ring toss game.
2. Junior **Ian Norris** stands in line to drive a golf cart. Students wore drunk goggles to see the dangers of impaired driving.
3. S.A.D.D representatives prepare the golf cart.

National Honor Society

To be a part of the National Honor Society, a student had to maintain a high GPA, be involved in school, and be a respectful citizen.

"I loved being around some of the most well-rounded and successful kids at VHS," said secretary **Kathy Minko**. "It really pushed me to work hard and balance my priorities."

Other students said that they were proud to be a part of the difference being made in Valparaiso. "What I most enjoyed about being in NHS was witnessing the palpable difference the society made in our school and community," said president **Josh Abatie**.

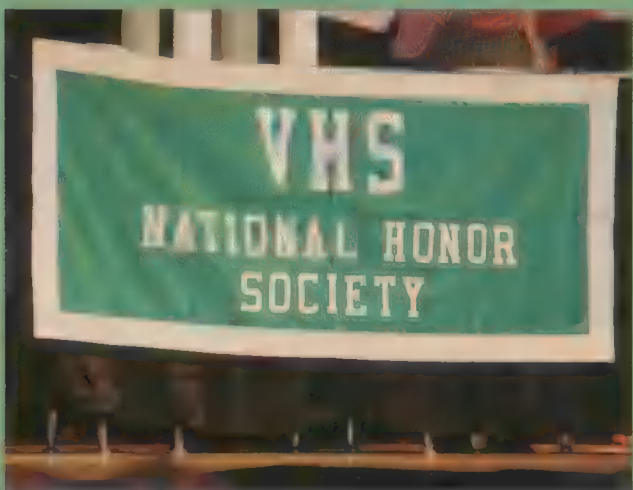
The most popular event of NHS was the annual flower sale that occurred during February.



Junior inductees recite the NHS Pledge during the ceremony.



(L-R) NHS Vice President **Leena Aljobeh**, Secretary **Kathy Minko**, President **Josh Abatie**, and Treasurer **Thomas Walsh**



The NHS presents their banner before the Induction ceremony.

1. With a smile, senior **Josh Abatie** hands senior **Oscar Palin** a flower.
2. Senior **Thomas Walsh** organizes slips for flower sales.
3. Seniors **Thomas Walsh** and **Gavin White** sell flowers.



Sophomore **Abbey Thomas** receives a flower from senior **Jacob Chapman**.



Dr. **Reid Amones** officially inducts junior **Madison Walters** into the National Honor Society and presents her with a certificate.



1. Newly inducted junior **Dylan Workman** displays the key characteristics of a NHS member and helps junior **Kai Piazza** with his math homework.



2. Senior **Hannah Scheibel** delivers a carnation to senior **Aaron Miller** during his math class.



New NHS officers **Rainer Neis**, **Ian Norris**, **Mary Cobble**, and **Luma Khabbaz** attend the end of the year meeting.



Leena Aljobeh

"My favorite memory from NHS was definitely when we volunteered at the Golden Living Center Nursing Home," said vice-president **Leena Aljobeh**. "We all had so much fun playing games with the senior citizens."

Speech

"After being a part of speech and debate, I learned a lot about confidence and how I presented myself to others," said senior captain **Caroline Koenig**.

After acting, cutting pieces, discussing, and lots of impromptu speaking, the speech team had many successes on their own. Many members new and old placed at many meets.

The speech team also earned recognition from the National Forensic League during their season.

During the Mock Trial season, speech and debate participants formed teams and acted like lawyers and witnesses during a case.



(L-R) Sofia Grimsgard, Dax Ritter, Anthony Nelson, Jane Tullis, Maddie Hathoot, Christian Sayers

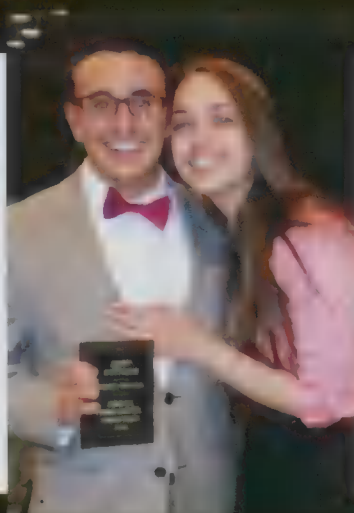


Sophomore **Christian Sayers** displays his ribbons at a speech tournament.



The Mock trial team "Bladerunner" poses with their awards at the Northwest Regional Tournament. "I've learned how to be confident and believe in myself. I've grown from someone who was extremely insecure to someone who is able to speak my mind," said senior **Mercedes Farias**.

1. Seniors **Lena Barajas** and **Daniel Azar** celebrate their excitement.
2. During a tournament, freshman **Malika Saxena** poses with her captains.
3. After qualifying to the national tournament, junior **Sofia Grimsgard** displays her award.





Junior **Claire Simon** and senior **Caroline Koenig** smile for a picture during the annual awards banquet.



Sophomore **Jane Tullis** accepts her first place trophy at the Indiana state speech tournament. Tullis competed at the National Speech and Debate Tournament in Overland Park, Kansas. She placed in the quarterfinals in the top 40 for U.S. Extemp.

Debate

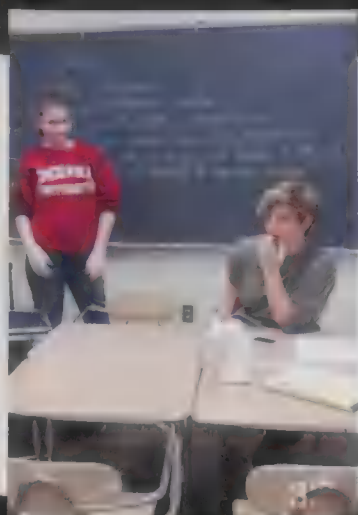
"Being in debate was more about waking up at 3 am to put on a suit, more than going into a round with a case. It was about having dedication, being persistent, and being the best you could be," said junior **Archita Vohra**.

The students on the debate team had a meet nearly every Saturday, and had someone placing at almost every one. They had successes as a whole at meets that included placing first at the VHS home meet, and third at the Munster Invitational. During the season, many debaters learned the value of hard work, dedication, and they learned how to lose and win graciously.

Sofia Grimsgard, Sarah Kwamleh, Dax Ritter and Jane Tullis represented VHS at the National Speech and Debate Tournament held in Overland Park, Kansas.



Senior **Connor Devine** acts as a defense attorney at the mock trial regional tournament.



1. While preparing, juniors **Archita Vohra** and **Sofia Grimsgard** take a break.
2. While compiling evidence, senior **Elizabeth Wehren** sorts through files.
3. Sophomores **Madison Mann** and **Lydia Porter** prepare their cases.

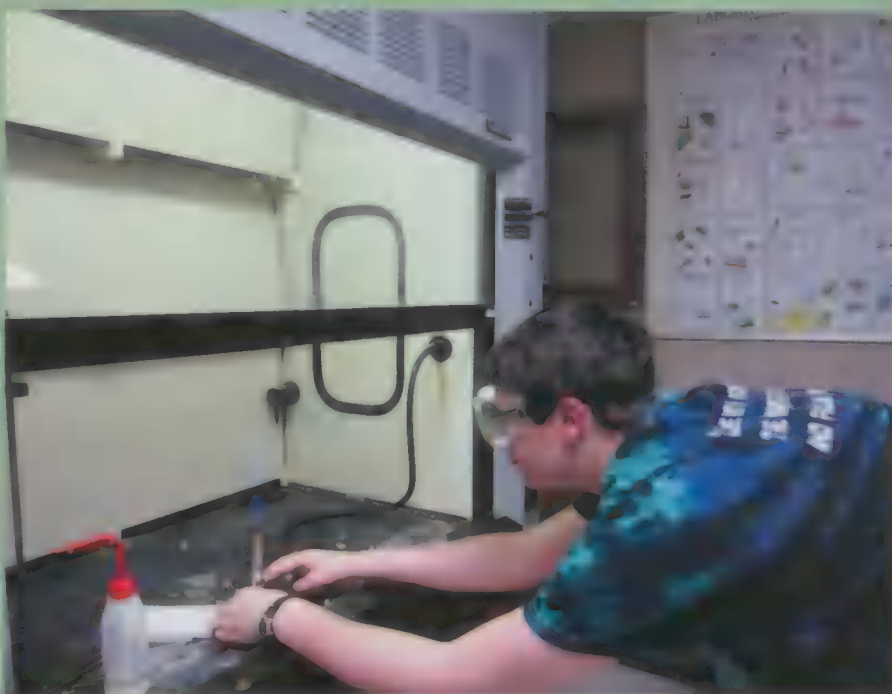
Academic Teams

For students looking for a cerebral challenge, the VHS academic teams provided an outlet. The teams consisted of Quiz Bowl, Spell Bowl, and Science Olympiad. "You learned a lot of life skills from the things you learned and from the people you met," said senior Science Olympiad team member **Evan Thorstad**.

Many academic team members found the teams to be challenging but very rewarding in terms of what they learned and the opportunities given to them from being part of a team. "We learned a lot from the competitions and it was a great academic challenge for me," said academic decathlon member **Dominic Davis**.



While discussing an experiment, senior **Lars Henderson**, a team member for two years, jokes around with freshman **Madison Mitchell**, new to the VHS program.

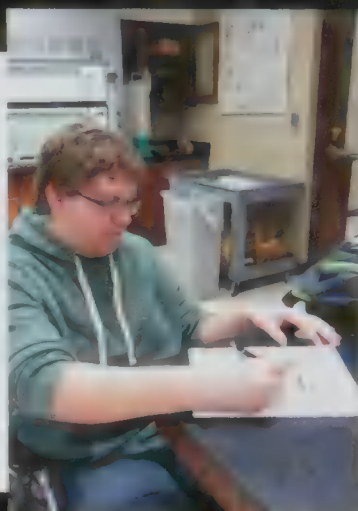


Sam Mueller works carefully with a Bunsen burner while practicing for the forensics section of an upcoming competition. He had to solve a crime and name a suspect based from the findings of his experiment.



Wesley Umbower and senior **Evan Thorstad** work on their magnetic levitation project.

1. To prepare for the next competition, **Nick Bluhm** completes worksheets.
2. **Kyle Dahlgren** works with calcium fluoride at practice.
3. **Katherine Dolan** prepares her materials.



Matt O'Brien, sophomore, places second place during a competition. These competitions consisted of timed categorized tests.



Academic decathlon members **Dominic Davis**, **Sophie Hanson**, and **Matt O'Brien** show off their second place ribbons from the competition held at Purdue North Central.

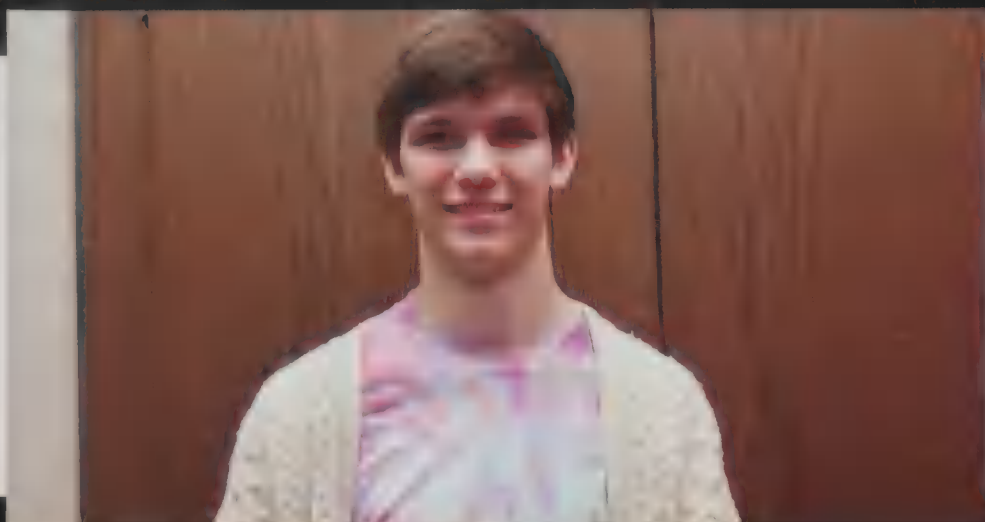


1. During a decathlon meet, senior **Adam Miller** completes a scantron test.

2. Sophomores **Dominic Davis** and **Matt O'Brien** sit at the Valparaiso table during a meet. "We took over seven tests and also had to complete two speeches. The most memorable one was the impromptu over World War I," said **Davis**.



Steven Gerry, **Joe Marra**, **Aaron Miller**, **Dominic Davis**, **Matt O'Brien**, and **Sophie Hanson** show off their ribbons next to coaches **Ms. Melissa Garno** and **Mr. Chris Kozy**.



Dominic Davis

Sophomore **Dominic Davis** joined the Academic Decathlon team to challenge himself.

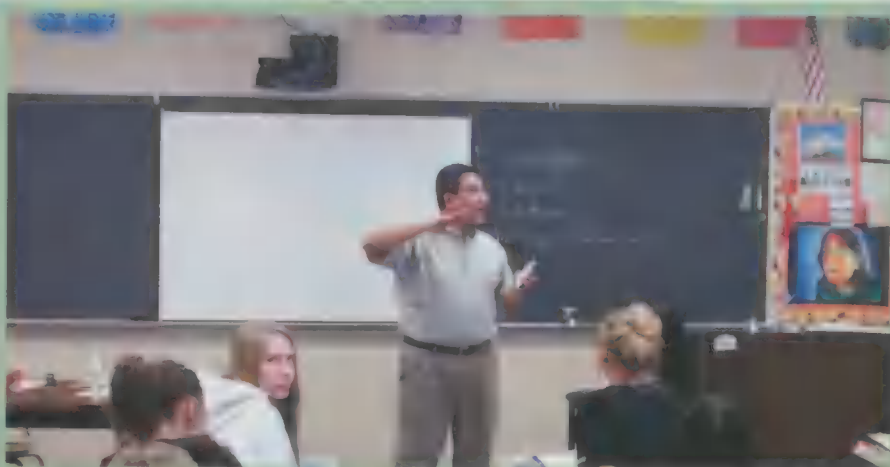
"I love enriching my knowledge in study sessions and bonding with my friends," **Davis** said.

Foreign Language

For students looking to expand their global knowledge of the world in both language and culture, Valparaiso High School's World Language department offered Spanish, French, German, Latin and Japanese courses.

"Students should study a foreign language in order to engage in critical thinking skills while learning another perspective from other people in the world," said Latin teacher **Ben Kerezman**. "They can also engage in reflection about their understanding of who they are as a citizen of the world."

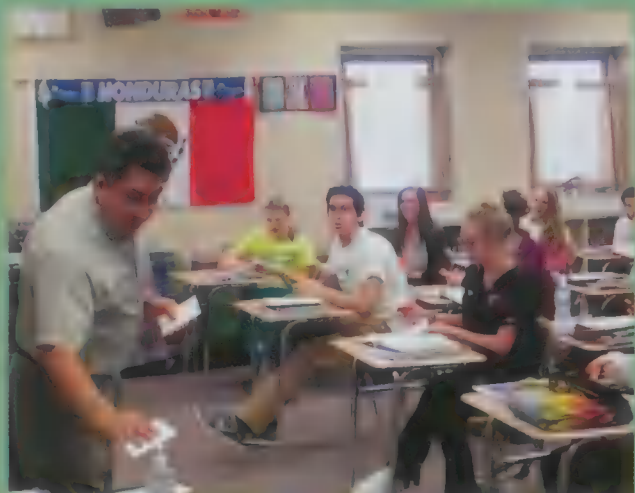
There were other advantages to studying a language. "Knowing different languages can be beneficial to expanding job opportunities in the future," said **Ms. Christine Pejoski**.



Mr. Rodea conducts a lecture while engaging his students.

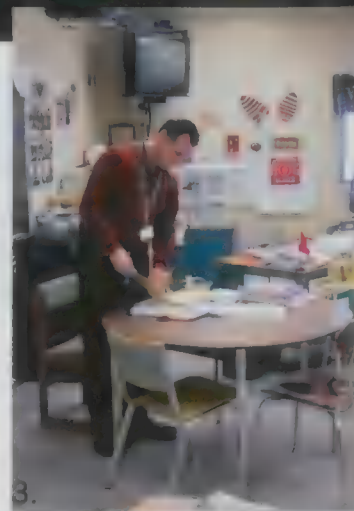


Mr. Robert Cespedes watches over his students as they complete an assignment. "Spanish was one of the most popular spoken languages in the world," said Cespedes. "The likelihood of using the language outside of school was extremely high whether it was on the radio stations, television, or with people in our community."

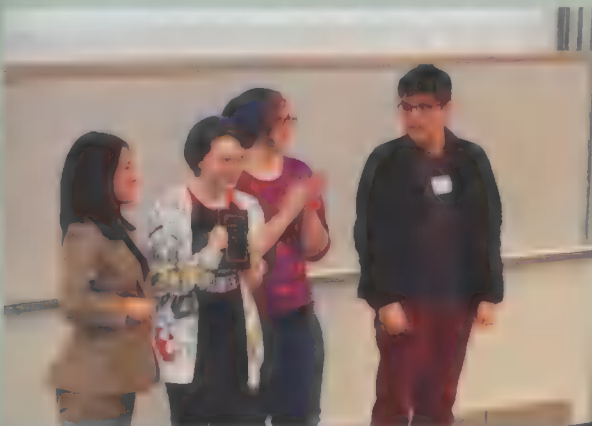


Mr. Jose Rodea has his note cards ready as he calls on students.

1. **Mr. Rodea** conducts his class as student **Drew Paul** watches.
2. **Madame Gillot-Deskovich** takes attendance in her French class.
3. **Mr. Cespedes** prepares to hand out papers.



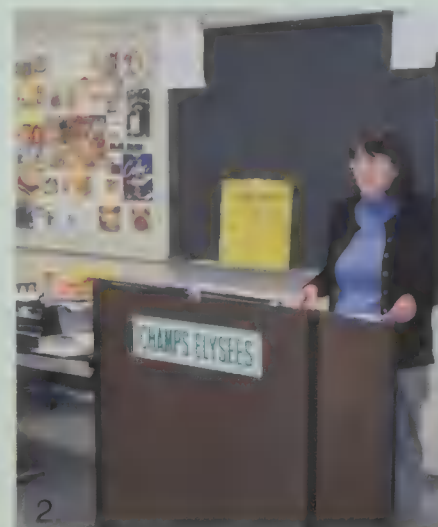
Valparaiso students participate in the Japanese Olympiad where the 2nd and 4th year teams were state champions and the 3rd year team received third in the state.



Mrs. Catherine Sparks sits with her Japanese students as they take a break from the Japanese Olympiad.



1. Juniors **Sarah Labarbera** and **Cara Hescher** accept their award at the Japanese Olympiad competition.



2. **Madame Gillot-Deskovich** oversees her class as they prepare their assignments. "The French language has so much to offer when it comes to literature, architecture, the arts, gourmet cooking, and technological advancements," said **Deskovich**.



Frau Michaela Houldieson jokes around with her German class as they work on an assignment.



Michael Pupillo

"I plan to study Spanish and Mongolian to get work with a mining company Rio Tinto, which operates in Latin America and Ulan Bator Mongolia, among other nations. There is a great need for linguists in a global world," said **Michael Pupillo**.

Life Skills Program

During the year, the Life Skills program engaged in some fun activities which included their annual trip to the mall, trunk-or-treating for Halloween, and the new "Simply Gifted Coffee House". The coffee house ran out of the production room in the media center, and the idea was to sell coffee while creating a relaxing environment.

The coffee house displayed art on the walls and soft music was played. At the opening, the improv jazz band came and played music as well. It was open every Wednesday from 7:15 to 8:00 AM in December, but then grew to be open daily before school.

The Life Skills Program also helped with recycling at VHS and held their own HOPE-coming dance.



Peer tutors **Sarah Moats**, **Kaytie Zaharias**, and **Precious Conrad** accompany **Diamesha Magee** and **Jadai Emerson** during the annual Christmas shopping trip at the mall.



Juniors **Jake Wild**, **Jake Pancek**, and **Jacob Wallace** pose with senior **Jacob Cummings** as they get ready to enjoy lunch at the food court.



Sophomore **CJ Rupp** poses with **Nick Tkach** at Hobart Mall.

1. Senior **Angela Darrol** and sophomore **Elias Kouknas** help with recycling.
2. Seniors **Jake Southwell** and **Harley Dubsky** eat lunch with **Rachel Crookston**, **Dom DePippo**, and **Brandon Napiwocki** at the food court.
3. Juniors **Ciara Sherer** and **Morgan Claypool** add cream to their coffee at the Simply Gifted Coffeehouse.



Juniors **Nathan Bongard**, **Keegan Whaling**, **Kevin Scannell**, and **Ben Leetz** sit around a table at the Simply Gifted Coffee House.



Members of the jazz band perform at Valparaiso High School's Simply Gifted Coffee House located in the media center's former production room.



1. Senior **Zache Smith** poses with senior **Angela Darrol** after she was awarded the title of Homecoming queen at Valparaiso High School's homecoming game.



2. **Angela Darrol**, **Diamesha Magee**, **Shane Meeter**, and **Elias Kouknas** pose for a picture at the HOPE-coming dance.



Peer tutor **Theresa Riddleman** assists **Curtis Allen** as they sell coffee at the Simply Gifted Coffeehouse.



Kaytie Zaharias

"My favorite part of the Life Skills Program was seeing the kids' faces light up, knowing that I helped them out. We helped them become more social and they had a place where they felt more comfortable," said president Kaytie Zaharias.

Key Club

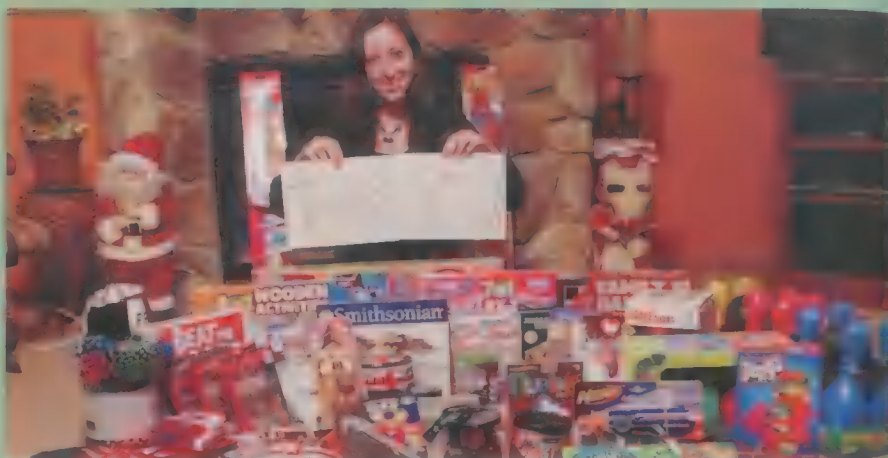
Just like the club's motto said, "Key Club is caring." The volunteers of the past year worked their hardest to improve their community's way of life by helping out wherever they were needed.

Popular community events included raking leaves for the elderly, hosting a Halloween Party for the staff's children, and handing out water at community runs and races. In addition, Key Club spent a large portion of the year preparing to host the King of Heart's Dance.

Each year, several Key Clubbers attended the District Convention for all members of NWI. Sponsor **Mrs. Debra Shaffer** saw the change in the clubbers. "The leadership conference provided the students with opportunities to develop new leadership skills," said **Shaffer**.



The president of Key Club, senior **Makenna Fetch**, leads the meeting.

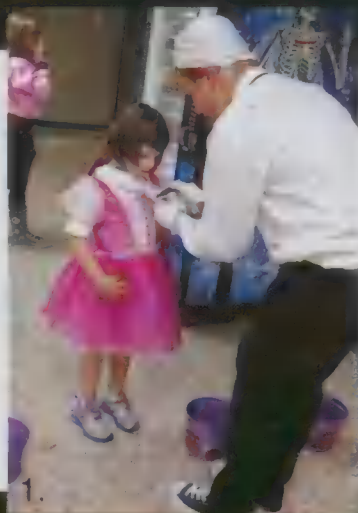


Senior and secretary **Rachel Hall** thanks the club for their participation in the Toys for Tots program.



Seniors **Briann Meyers**, **Makenna Fetch**, **Wesley Umbower**, junior **Bre Michaels**, and freshman **Darien Gress** enjoy themselves during the Halloween Party.

1. Freshman **Darien Gress** helps a princess at the Halloween Party.
2. Senior **Cheyenne Schroder** motivates runners at the Turkey Trot.
3. The DCON attendants have a great time.



Senior **Caitlyn D'Elia**, President **Makenna Fetch**, Secretary **Rachel Hall**, Freshman Rep. **Olivia Rosario**, and Bulletin Editor **Kennedy Pony** dress up for the Halloween Party.



Key Club co-sponsor **Ms. Kathryn Orr** discusses business with junior public relations officer **Abie Mwaura** before the beginning of the meeting. Orr, a former VHS student, was a Key Club president when she attended VHS.

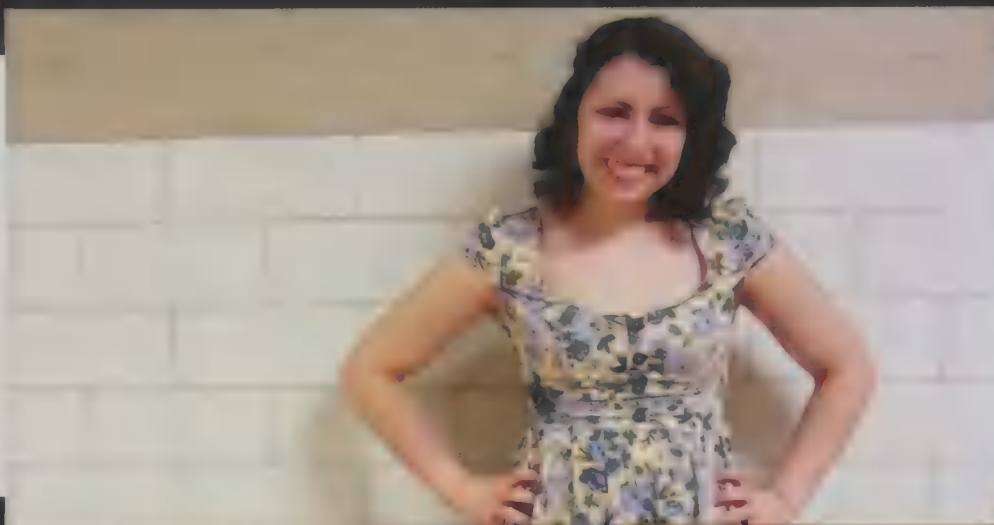


1. On Earth Day, senior **Wesley Umbower** volunteers with the Shade Brigade and other Key Club members to plant trees in Essex Park.

2. The Governor of the Indiana District Key Club, **Sally Finkle**, receives a pie in the face by a fellow club member.



Members of the Key Club gather for a club photo.



Caitlyn D'Elia

"King of Hearts was a way for our club to rally together and create a new world. I have made friends through the project and am proud of everybody who helped make the dance possible this year," said **D'Elia**.

Natural Helpers

At the beginning of the year, VHS students wrote down the names of three students or teachers that they felt they could go to if they had a problem. After receiving enough votes, students were picked to either go on a fall or spring retreat, where they learned more about their peers and created bonds that would last a lifetime. Most importantly, those that went on the retreat learned about themselves.

The Natural Helpers retreat was incredibly well-received by students, and most said it was a life changing experience.

"After attending the retreat, you had a new perspective on what it meant to be a Natural Helper," said senior **Erin Brown**.



Carpet Ball, a popular activity at Natural Helpers, was a way for students to occupy their free time.

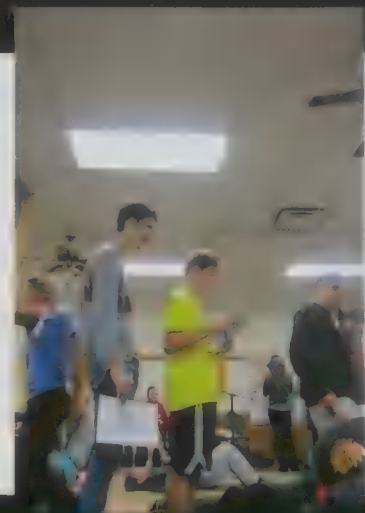
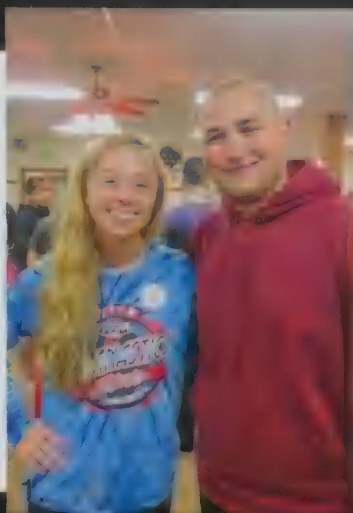


Showing off a clipping she found in a magazine, senior **Aubrey Baker** gets a positive reaction from her peers.



Students take a walk on a bridge at Camp Tecumseh on a beautiful day.

1. Junior **Julia Manion** and senior **Troy Borlick** pose for a picture.
2. During free time, students write notes to each other.
3. Seniors **Jacob Linn** and **Gareth Kaye** wait patiently to sign a board.



Senior **Erin Brown** is accompanied by senior **Lauren Georgeff** during a skit on the retreat. Brown was imitating teacher Pete Sattler.



Members of the spring retreat pose for one last picture before returning to Valparaiso after a weekend at Camp Tecumseh. Over fifty students attended the retreat.



1. Students relax on a suspension bridge during free time.
2. Members of the Spring 2014 Rainbow Staff pose in various costumes used in the skits they presented. First row (L to R): Greer Brown, Kami Kleefisch, Anand Balar, Lauren Georgeff. Second row (L to R): Sam Yaros, Josh Abatie, Claudia Airey, Lauren Reineke, Jaeson Chang, Carly Greubel



The acronym for the spring retreat, I.A.B.W, is illustrated in tie-dye fashion on a poster.



Jaeson Chang

After attending the fall retreat, senior **Jaeson Chang** applied for a position on Rainbow Staff and was selected.

"I enjoyed my first (Natural Helpers) experience so much that I had to come back for more," said **Chang**.

Math

"I really liked math because there was so much you could do with it because it was really diverse," said senior **Tiara Lara**.

Teachers found enjoyment in the instruction of math. "My favorite part of teaching math was explaining the concepts in a way that students understood. I LOVED seeing them *get-it*," said **Mrs. Jill McGonigle**, who has taught for 36 years.

"I loved to see students understand concepts and problems they never thought they could," said **Mrs. Rhonda Coffin**.

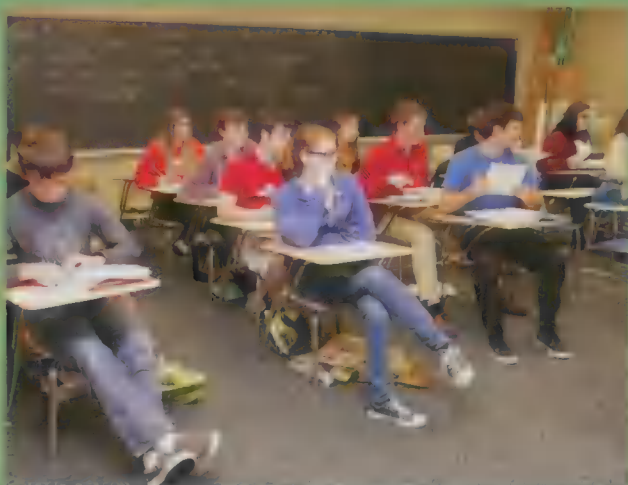
The VHS math department offered a variety of courses to meet student needs. Classes included everything from Algebra to calculus.



While in class, senior **Grace Tulloch** focuses on her Pre-Cal notes.

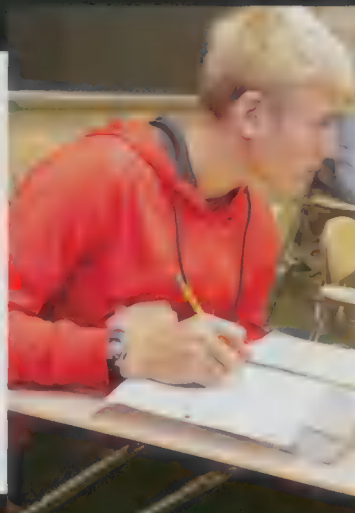
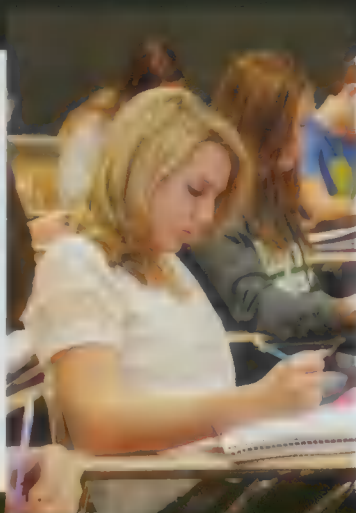


During class time, **Mrs. Mara Fiegle-Hicks** assists junior **Stephanie Parker** with her work.



Students pay close attention during **Mrs. Tracy Corneil's** lesson.

1. Senior **MaKayla Coyle** works on her homework.
2. Junior **Alex Horb** copies notes from the board.
3. Students, including junior **Jacob Wallace**, share a laugh during class.





Juniors **Max Abraham** and **Colin Ahearn** practice writing checks.



Ms. Laura Covington demonstrates how to balance a checkbook in her Introduction to Business class.

Business

The students at Valparaiso High School were given the opportunity to experience marketing, personal law, accounting, computer applications, introduction to business, and business foundations.

In these courses, students were taught how to start a business, how to do finances, as well as gain exposure to the field of law.

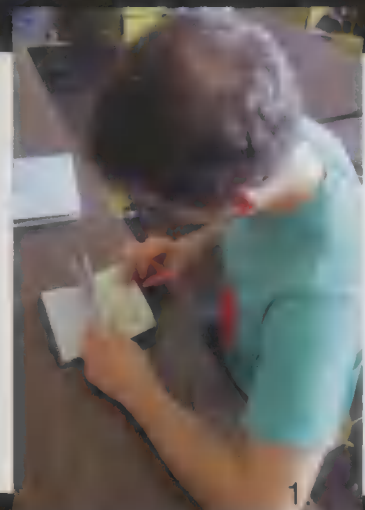
"I felt really lucky that I was able to take a class that prepared me so much for something that I wanted to do with my life," said senior **Corinne Lemarie**.

Many other students agreed that the business classes offered at VHS were more than just a learning experience.

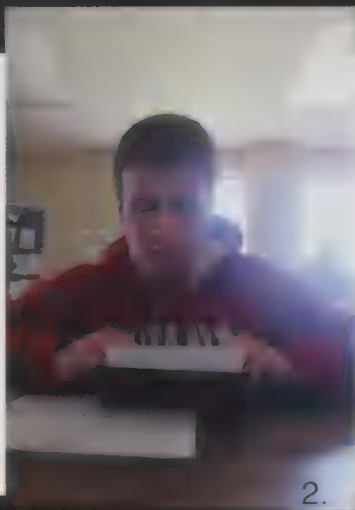
"We had fun in class. We learned a lot but we had so much fun that we didn't even realize how much we learned," senior **Maddie Sloan** said.



Junior **Kevin Scannell** participates in discussion.



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1. Junior **Ian Norris** flips through his checkbook in order to check his balance.

2. **Cory Fox**, a senior, balances his checkbook.

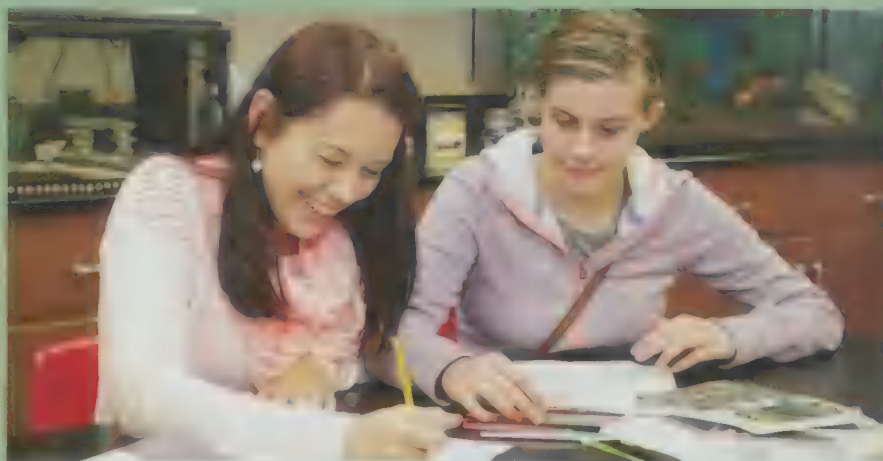
3. Business students work on assignments.

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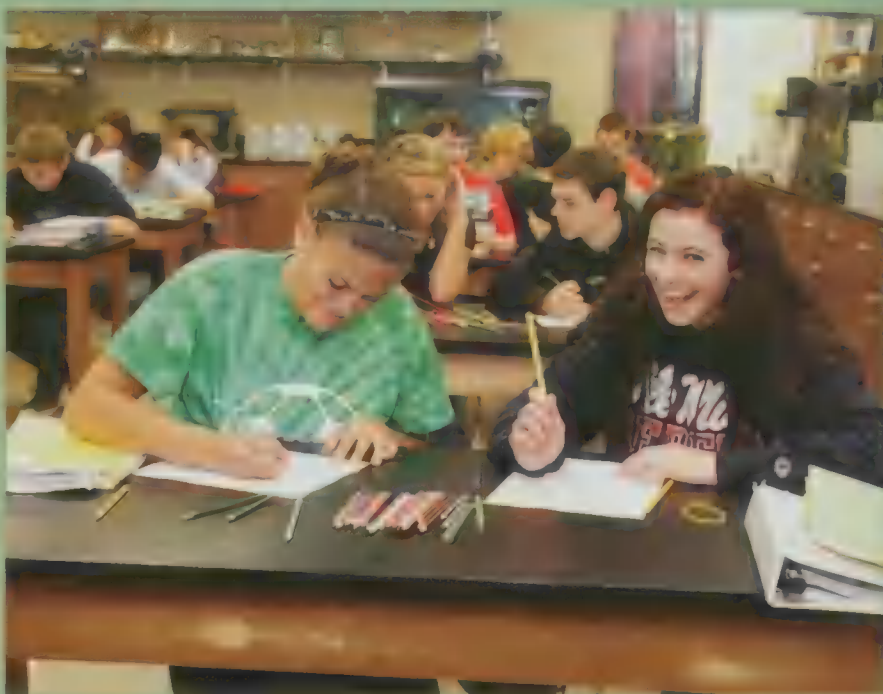
Science class was always a place where students were constantly learning new things. From biology to anatomy, chemistry to physics, and earth space to environmental science, students were always engaged.

Senior **Lars Henderson**, a teammate for Science Olympiad, was a student in both biology II and physics II. "The cool thing about science was getting to learn how the world works," said **Henderson**.

During the year, students learned about biodiversity in the environment, planetary movements, historical discoveries concerning science, and practical applications. In addition to the lectures, students also applied their concepts in lab components.



Freshmen **Emily Lamberson** and **Abby Street** work together in their biology class.

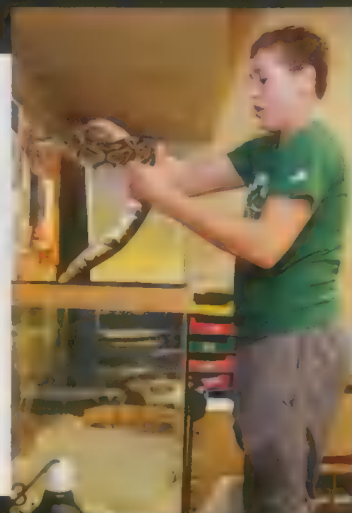
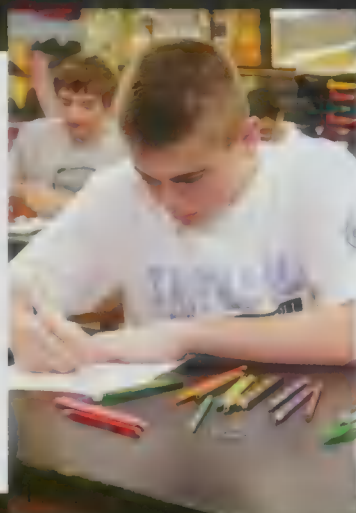


Students in **Mr. Steve Davis'** freshman biology class enjoy working on a coloring lab with partners.



Freshmen **Ryan Burton** and **Jordan Clark** finish their biology assignment.

1. Freshman **Zach Anselm** focuses.
2. **Mr. Steve Davis** advises freshman **Stephanie Sgouroudis** and **Makayla Ferrari**.
3. Freshman **Grant Wild** takes Ishmael the snake out of his cage.





Senior **David Gutierrez** works on the 2 Cube Ballandia, which consists of a rollercoaster, mouse trap, and ball.



Introduction to Engineering design students **Darian Low**, **Alex Rastovski**, and **Joseph Wichlinski** work on their Rube Goldberg project. "I liked how it was hands-on and not at all class bookwork," said **Rastovski**. "We actually got to experiment with physical materials."

Technology

The technology classes at VHS were often taken by students who opted for a more hands-on experience in the classroom. Projects were not only engaging but interesting as well.

One project's goal was to construct a mechanism that could successfully keep a ping pong ball mobile for at least 45 seconds. This project was accurately named the "Ball-a-rama."

Mr. Tarik El-Naggar was very proud of his students this past year. "My students were some of the best and brightest in the school," said **El-Naggar**.

The students acquired new skills regarding engineering, design, communications, collaboration and creativity.



Mr. Tarik El-Naggar advises freshman **Codey Pritchard** on his assignment.



1. Sophomore **Mia Baker** works on her class project.
2. Sophomores **Jack Gabrish** and **Hatta Misra** make adjustments.
3. **Alex Kaariainen** and freshman **David Juhl** use a glue gun.

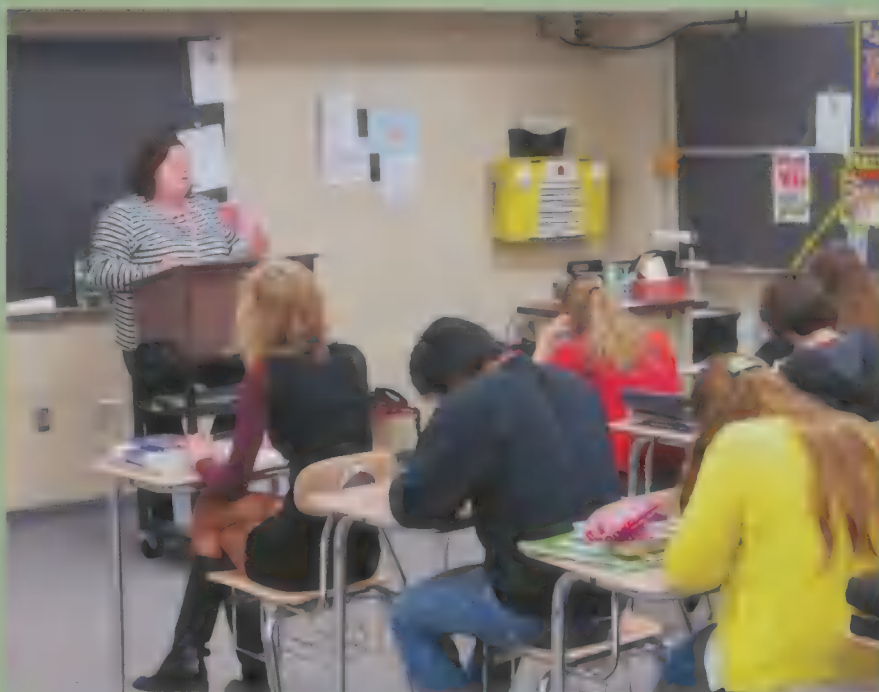
English

During a student's educational career at Valparaiso High School, it was mandatory to take four years of an English class. VHS offered several different options for students such as English 9, English 10, American Literature, creative writing, composition, Themes in Literature as well as speech and journalism. In addition there were honors English courses students could take such as English 9 Pre IB, English 10 Pre IB, IB World Lit, and AP English.

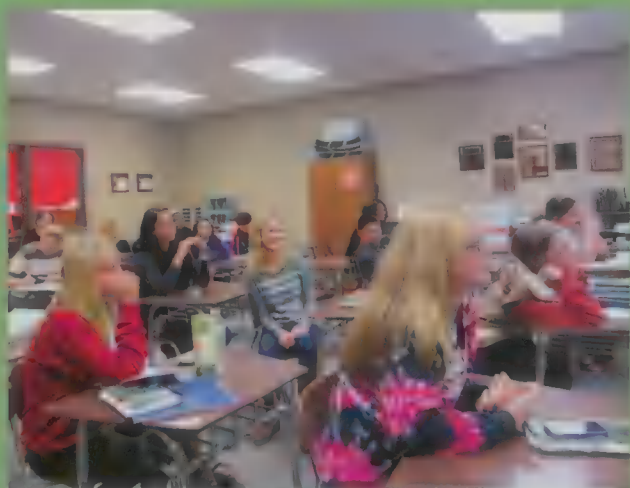
The teachers in the English department taught their students to appreciate the meaning of literature. "English class was always one that I enjoyed going to because there was always something worth learning," said senior **Cassie Klavas**.



During their Themes in Literature class, seniors **Aaron Miller** and **Steven Gerry** work on an assignment.

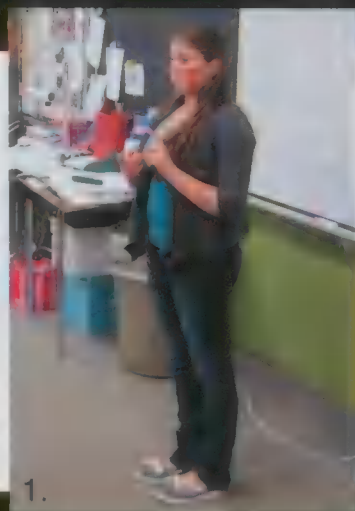


Senior students in **Ms. Melissa Garno's** Themes in Literature class listen intently as she leads them in a discussion regarding their assigned novel.



Students in **Ms. Gordana Sormaz's speech** class listen to presentations.

1. Senior **Heather Novak** presents her commercial.
2. Displaying her product, senior **Kelly Bledsoe** completes her speech.
3. Senior **Taylor Bezotte** promotes his original product "Beard B- Gone."





Art students in ceramics class spend time working in order to finish their clay pots.



Sophomore **Anne Clark** and senior **Alexia Perez** focus on sculpting during their class. Art classes were popular electives for students wishing to display their creativity. The VHS art department offered various classes in photography, digital design, jewelry, drawing, and painting.

Art

Art was just one of the many popular elective courses for students to take at Valparaiso High School.

For students wishing to explore their creative side, there were many classes students could elect to take in the art department. Some of these courses included intro to 2D art, drawing, ceramics, painting, jewelry, photography I and photography II, digital design I and digital design II.

At VHS, there were four teachers that taught art during the year. They included **Mrs. Popp**, **Mrs. Ruiz**, **Mr. Juestel** and **Mrs. Hanson**. "My favorite part of teaching was the ability to impact students one-on-one, helping them mature in their art and grow as a person," said **Hanson**.



Deep in concentration, senior **Sonny Roganovich** molds the edges of his clay pot.



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1. Junior **Hannah Collins** perfects her project.
2. With his clay pot in hand, junior **Michael Albers** completes his work.
3. During class, junior **Archita Vohra** puts finishing touches on her piece.

Consumer Science

Consumer science classes offered a variety of options for students to enjoy a more hands-on academic experience. Courses such as interpersonal relations, nutrition and wellness, child development, as well as fashion and textile classes were just some of the classes offered.

Often well-received by the student body, these interactive classes were a good way to prepare students for future careers or practical life skills.

Junior **Jake Goldsmith** was involved in a nutrition and wellness class during third period. "It was fun to learn something other than what you would learn in a textbook. I learned things that I would be able to use throughout my life," said **Goldsmith**.



Junior **Lindsey Deboer** pins her fabric.

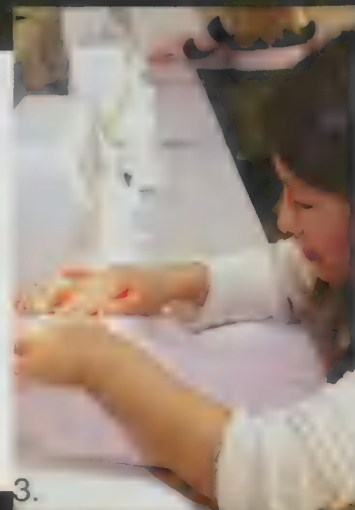
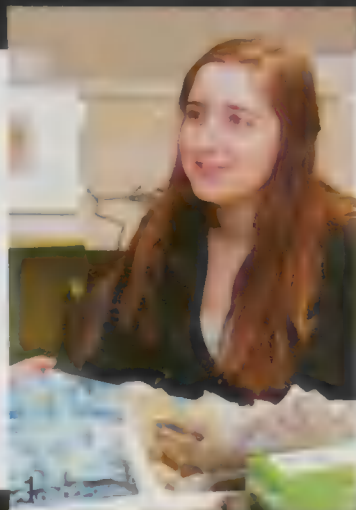


Ironing a piece of fabric, junior **Kaitlyn Bond** focuses on the task at hand.



Consumer science teacher **Debra Shaffer** helps sophomore **Saba Ahmed** with her project.

1. Freshman **Jaden Zahm** smiles while working.
2. Sophomores **Anayeli Fuentes-Avila** and **Anita Angon** show off their garments.
3. Senior **Mariana Garcia-Alvarez** sews her project.





Junior **Colin Ahearn** keeps track of his lifting progress.



Junior **Drake Barton** and sophomore **Bryce Crook** share a laugh as they workout in an advanced physical conditioning class.

Physical Education

Physical education classes provided a different form of enhancement.

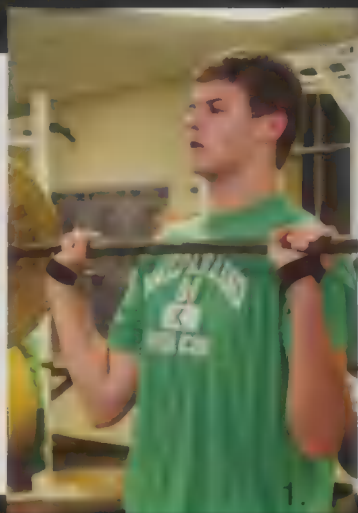
Along with nine weeks of required swimming for freshmen, students could take classes such as tennis, volleyball, football, basketball, badminton, and bowling.

P.E. classes were a favorite with students. Freshman **Brent Weisler** enjoyed his class. "I've learned that physical education was not only important but fun. It was a class where you didn't have to use books, but other parts of your brain," said Weisler.

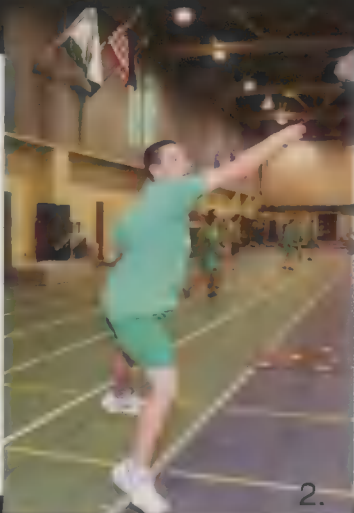
Physical Education teacher **Craig Lewin** offered advice to aspiring P.E. teachers. "If you enjoyed sharing your love for the field, you would want to teach it."



P.E. teacher **Craig Lewin** instructs students.



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1. Displaying his determination, sophomore **Conner Tenhove** does a powerclean.
2. Freshman **Zach Sewell** hits the birdie in badminton.
3. Junior **Randy Strainis** does a wall sit with a weight.

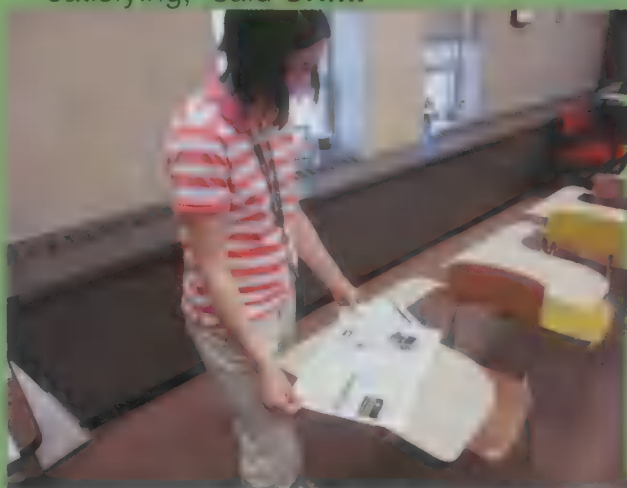
Viking Press

After a hiatus, the *Viking Press* made its comeback for the 2013-2014 school year. The staff was advised by former Avon High School advisor **Susan Hoffman** in her first year at Valparaíso High School.

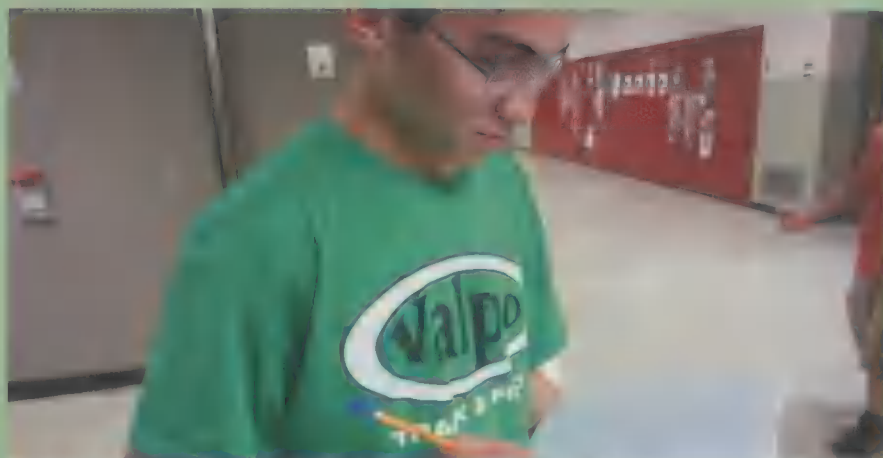
"I enjoyed seeing how excited students got about being involved, and how proud they were to improve over time," said **Hoffman**.

Meeting a few times each issue, the newspaper staff planned, constructed, edited, and designed each aspect of the issue. Junior **Olivia Crim** was one of the students to immediately join the newly-revived paper.

"I loved the sense of gratification I received from producing a purely student-run project... it was incredibly satisfying," said **Crim**.



Advisor Susan Hoffman views an issue.



Sophomore **Jonathan Zygmunt** edits a story.

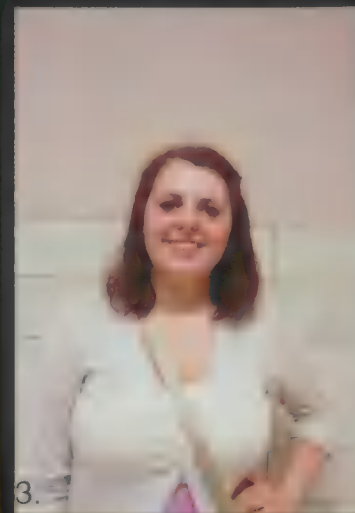


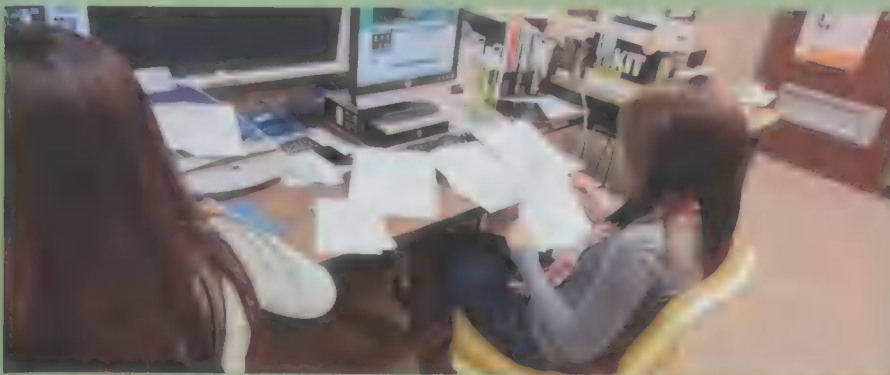
Members of the staff pose for a picture. **Row 1 (L to R):** Emma Ferguson, Susan Hoffman, Jonathan Zygmunt, Dylan Workman. **Row 2 (L to R):** Sofia Grimsgard, Olivia Crim, Grace Hathaway, Jonathan Poholarz.

1. "Working on staff was a fun and exciting challenge," said junior **Taylor Dixon**.

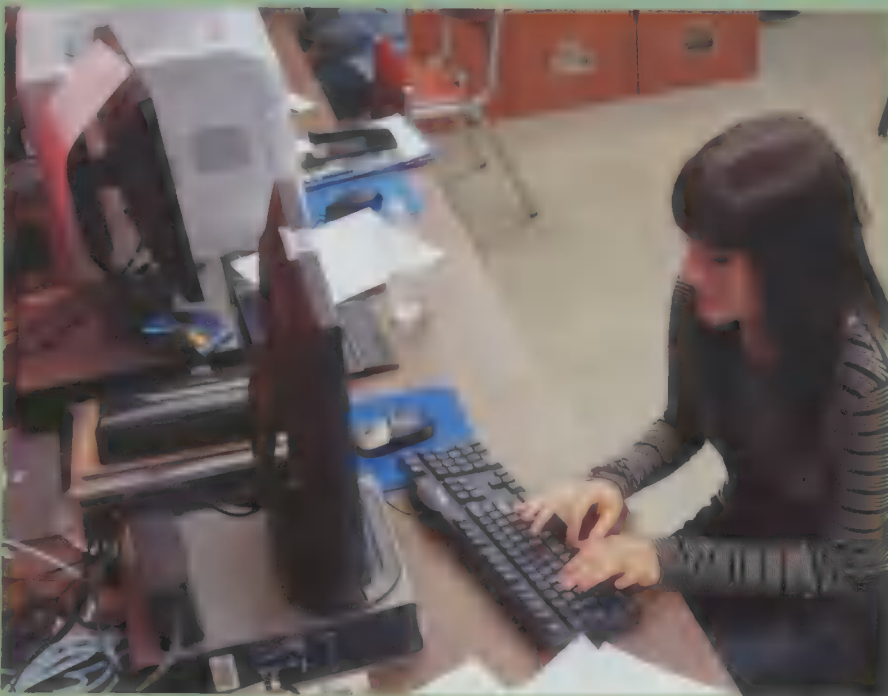
2. "Working on staff was relaxing but entertaining," said junior **Jonathan Poholarz**.

3. "Working on staff was a great experience," said junior **Lyndsay Herbst**.





Senior **Erica Ellis** prepares questionnaires to be handed out to students. "We all got along so well and even though we had a lot of work to do, it never seemed that way because we had so much fun together," said Ellis.



Senior **Eleni Kaiafas** writes captions for her yearbook spread. "My favorite part about yearbook was knowing that I had created something that would last for years to come," said Kaiafas.

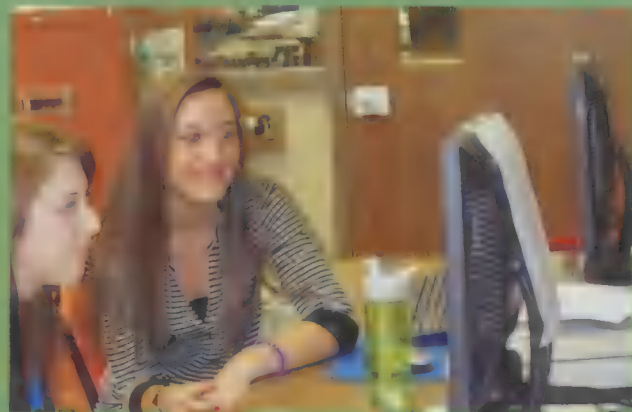
Valenian

Every day, a team of six dedicated students worked to create the 2014 *Valenian* in order to preserve the memories of the school year.

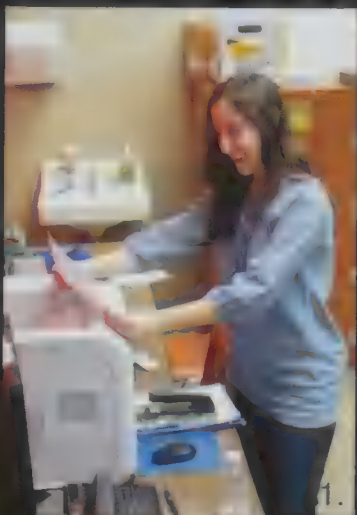
"I really liked being able to design and have an influence on what the yearbook would look like. Our staff worked hard and it was a lot of fun to be a part of," said senior editor **Brooke Sever**.

"My love of writing and journalism first made me choose the yearbook staff. I never regreted making that decision," said senior **Rachel Hall**.

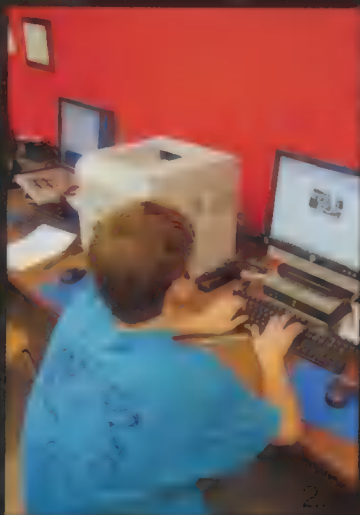
Junior **Dylan Workman** appreciated the experience that he received by working on the yearbook staff. "I liked creating something that would last for years to come. I also loved being involved with the media in general," Workman said.



Senior **Brooke Sever** looks over the work of senior **Erica Ellis** as she completes her pages.



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1. Senior **Rachel Hall** prints her pages before she begins editing.

2. Junior **Dylan Workman** gets ready to work on his copy .

3. Junior **Kai Piazza** sorts through the file folders in the *Valenian* room.

Retiring Teachers and Staff



Doc Bill Boyle

Q: How long have you been at Valparaiso High School?

A: 38 years.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: Stop working.

Q: What will you miss most about VHS?

A: I'll miss seeing the kids grow from their freshman to senior years, enjoying their success with them, watching the athletes mature from freshman to JV to Varsity; mainly just being around the students!



Mrs. Jill McGonigle

Q: How long have you been at Valparaiso High School?

A: I have been at VHS since the 1986-1987 school year.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: Slow down! Travel to see my children and grandchildren more often. We are planning a fall trip to the southern rim of the Grand Canyon.

Q: What will you miss most about VHS?

A: I will truly miss the wonderful colleagues, some who have gone before me and some who still remain.



Mr. Kevin Cessna

Q: How long have you been at Valparaiso High School?

A: I taught here for 26.5 years.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: I plan to work for the National Spanish Exams for a few more years. When I retire completely, I plan to volunteer and help those who are less fortunate. I'm hoping to work with immigrants helping them earn their GEDs and gain citizenship. Someone did it for my grandparents; now it's my turn.

Q: What will you miss most about VHS?

A: What I'll miss most about VHS are the students. In my 26.5 years here, there are many fine students who stand out and who have gone on to become successful citizens who have incorporated Spanish into their jobs.



Mrs. Robbie Pio

Q: How long have you been at Valparaiso High School?

A: I've been here 25 years.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: To enjoy time with my high school sweetheart and husband of 42 years, and also time with my 4 precious grand blessings!

Q: What will you miss most about VHS?

A: I'll miss the great friends I have here, the kids, and eating dill pickles with Jenny Lawson.



Mrs. Deb Seeger

Q: How long have you been at Valparaiso High School?

A: I started at VHS in 1990.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: The open road and open skies, my painting easel, playing in the garden dirt, and having my entire house clean all at the same time.

Q: What will you miss most about VHS?

A: I will miss seeing an At-Risk student that has always hated school, gradually turn towards learning and believe they can achieve and build their future.



Mr. Andy Beck

Q: How long have you been at Valparaiso High School?

A: I started at VHS in December of 1980.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: I plan to do stuff around the house, have more time to keep up with household activities, and maybe look for a part-time job.

Q: What will you miss most about VHS?

A: I'll miss talking with the teachers and joking around.

Year In Review

Top 10 Best Selling Movies

1. *The Lego Movie*
2. *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*
3. *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*
4. *Divergent*
5. *Ride Along*
6. *Lone Survivor*
7. *Rio 2*
8. *Mr. Peabody & Sherman*
9. *300: Rise of an Empire*
10. *Noah*



Celebrity Deaths

1. **James Avery**-“Uncle Phil” from *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* passed at age 68. He suffered complications from open heart surgery.
2. **Shirley Temple Black**-the child star from the depression era passed away at 85 this year from natural causes.
3. **Philip Seymour Hoffman**-an actor from the *Hunger Games* series and a director of various films passed at age 46.
4. **Paul Walker**-the famous actor from the *Fast and Furious* series died a tragic death in a high speed car crash.

Most Popular Actors and Actresses

1. Leonardo DiCaprio
2. Johnny Depp
3. Brad Pitt
4. Matt Damon
5. Robert Pattinson
6. Jude Law
7. Tom Cruise
8. Bradley Cooper
9. Tom Hanks
10. Will Smith

1. Angelina Jolie
2. Marion Cotillard
3. Charlize Theron
4. Julia Roberts
5. Mila Kunis
6. Scarlett Johansson
7. Cameron Diaz
8. Emma Stone
9. Jessica Alba
10. Jennifer Aniston

Oscars

The 86th annual Academy Awards took place on March 2nd, 2014 at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles. The Oscars were hosted by comedienne and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, who brought many laughs and surprises to the show. The ceremony brought in an average of 43.72 million people. One of the most important moments of the night was when Ellen ordered pizza for everyone and many celebrities, including Brad Pitt, had their share of it. Another standout moment was the “best selfie ever taken,” which Bradley Cooper, Jared Leto, Jennifer Lawrence, and a few others participated in.

As for the night’s big winners, *Gravity* stole the show with a total of seven awards, including the win for Best Director that went to Alfonso Cuarón. The film *12 Years a Slave* won three awards, including Best Picture. Matthew McConaughey won Best Actor for his role as Ron Woodroof in *Dallas Buyer’s Club*. The award for Best Actress went to Cate Blanchett, who played Jeanette “Jasmine” Francis in Woody Allen’s *Blue Jasmine*.

Sochi Winter Olympics

The 2014 Winter Olympics were held in Sochi, Russia this year, much to the dismay of thousands of athletes. With poor facilities and extremely non-private living accommodations, athletes and viewers alike were less than pleased. In February, CNN journalist Harry Reekie tweeted, "CNN booked 11 rooms in one Sochi 2014 media hotel five months ago. We have been here for a day and only one room is available."

Not every aspect of the 2014 Winter Olympics was a disappointment. Finishing first in the overall medal count was Russia, the home country, with 33 total medals, followed by Norway with 26 and Canada with 25. The United States finished fourth overall with a total medal count of 28, but finished behind Norway and Canada due to an insufficient number of gold and silver medals.

Stealing the show in Russia this winter were the U.S. skiers that competed in the podium sweep performance in the men's slopestyle competition. The bronze medal winner was 19-year-old Nick Goepper from Lawrenceburg, IN. After the U.S. victory, Goepper tweeted, "INDIANA! The bronze is coming back home. See you soon!"

Missing Malaysian Airlines

On March 8, 2014, the media focused on the news of the missing Malaysian air plane, which was meant to carry 239 passengers from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Speculations began when the plane suddenly vanished from its designated flight pattern in the Indian Ocean.

The largest search and rescue mission ever recorded in history began once the flight went missing. Television networks taught the nation about what the searchers were listening for: the radio "pings" between the aircraft and an Inmarsat satellite that would only ring for about 30 days before they finally faded out. The pings were the best chance searchers had at locating the plane. After more than thirty days with only sightings of debris near Australia, the pings eventually faded away, leaving only silence behind.

Several conspiracy theories have been made on the fate of Flight 370. Books and movies were also made on what could have happened to the flight and its passengers.

Missing Girls in Nigeria

On April 14, 2014, more than 300 girls between the ages of 16 and 18 were abducted from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, in north-eastern Nigeria by an Islamic armed militia called the Boko Haram. There were reports that the girls were being sold into sexual slavery and or forced marriage.

Protests took place across the country in opposition of the girl's abduction. Mothers of the missing and many supporters had been chanting: 'All we are saying is bring back our girls'. The entire country banded together in search/hopes of soon returning the abducted school girls to their families.

Viking Reel

What actor/actress would play you in a movie and why?

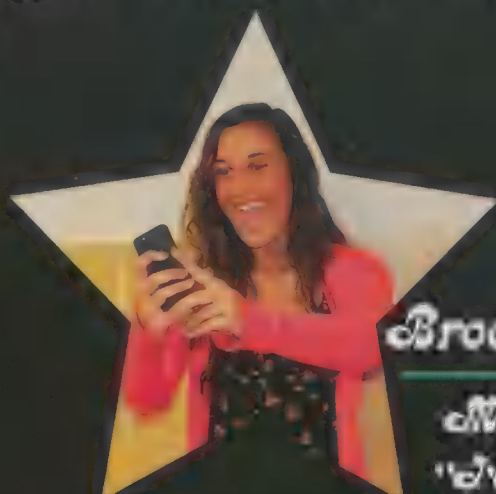
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funny, just like
me!"*



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As another school year draws to a close, so does the story that was told in our Viking Reel. With a memorable cast of characters and an intriguing story line, the Valparaíso High School feature film finally concluded at graduation for the class of 2014.

Countless plot twists and a plethora of special features made the 2013-2014 school year shine like the most beautiful marquee. Just as the movie industry will always be prevalent in our society and popular culture, the activities and accomplishments of VHS students will continue to make a lasting impact on not only the community, but on future generations of VHS students as well.

Rachel Hall

Jennifer Lawrence

"She's almost as wacky as I am, and she doesn't care about body image"



Eleni Kaiafas

Aubrey Plaza

"She is very pretty, funny, and I like how she carries herself."



Nai Piazza

Michael Cera

"I think he's okay and he makes me LOL."



Dylan Workman

Owen Wilson

"We both have blonde hair and I love Wes Anderson movies."



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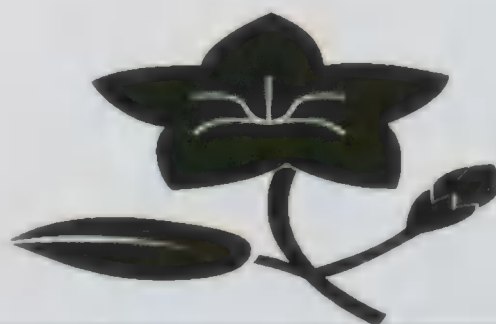
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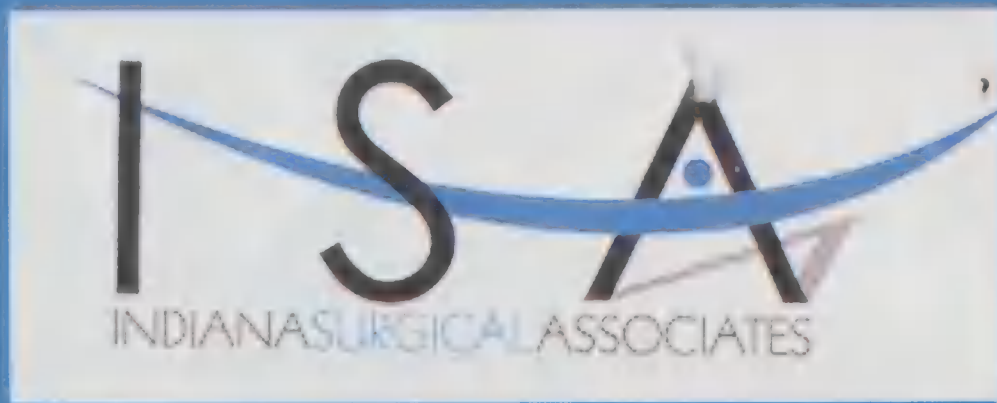
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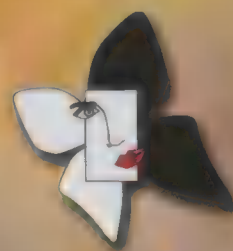
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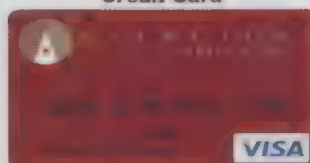
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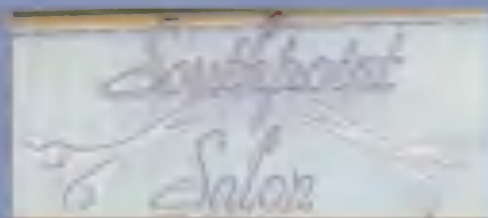
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